

ON THE INSIDE LOOKING OUT — Another day of rain and fog in the scenic Poconos brought only the brave out Wednesday. Most people, like these diners stretching their lunch hour in

Penn Stroud Hilton, were waiting for a let-up that never happened.

(Staff photo by Brian Heller)

Nixon tries to find way to avoid gas rationing

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon discussed the worldwide energy crisis and the U. S. response to it Wednesday in a day-long series of conferences with his domestic and international advisers and with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin.

Nixon said he was trying to work out a way to avoid gasoline rationing.

Through a spokesman, Nixon welcomed as "a sign of progress" the Arab decision to relax its oil embargoes against Europe and Japan. In addition, Nixon signed a \$2.2 billion bill authorizing arms aid to Israel, and met with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Dobrynin. He also conferred with energy adviser William E. Simon and later with Nelson A. Rockefeller and his successor as New York governor, Malcolm Wilson.

"We're trying to work something out so there will be no rationing," Nixon said to a photographer who wished him a merry Christmas while Nixon and Simon posed for pictures.

Simon is expected to announce a decision to avoid gasoline rationing at a news conference at 10 a. m. EST today. In an interview with the Washington Post published Wednesday, Simon said he thought the nation could "manage without rationing" if voluntary gasoline rationing continues at its current pace. In the

interview, Simon also said 700,000 barrels of oil a day were reaching the United States from the Arab oil states despite the declared total embargo against oil exports to this country.

Asked to comment on the decision in Kuwait of Arab oil ministers to boost production in January by 5 per cent instead of cutting it by an additional 10 per cent as first planned, White House spokesman Gerald L. Warren said, "This is a step in the right direction and a sign of progress we welcome. This government continues to believe that oil should not be used as an economic weapon."

Warren declined to say whether the government expected the embargo against the United States to be eased.

Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton, D-Mo., criticized Simon on the basis of reports that the energy administrator welcomed the Arabs' decision to sharply increase oil prices because it would raise U. S. gasoline prices and thus cut demand.

"That's about as callous as anything I've ever heard — worthy of a true czar," Eagleton said in a statement. "They really want to put the load on the back of the little guy, who's having trouble making ends meet as it is."

Gas price gouging rampant

WASHINGTON (UPI) — One out of every three gasoline service stations spot-checked recently by the Internal Revenue Service was gouging customers, charging too much by mistake or making some other error violating price regulations, the IRS said Wednesday.

The IRS was asked about a station in New York City which was reported to be charging 99.9 cents a gallon for gasoline on Christmas night.

That's a "horror story" which is being checked out, a spokesman for the IRS said, but most of the overcharging — whether deliberate or accidental — has been a few pennies at a time.

Gasoline retailers are allowed to pass through to their customers price increases related either to increased cost of imported oil or increased cost of newly discovered domestic oil. Also, price regulations were changed recently to allow all domestic crude oil to be raised \$1 a barrel, an increase that can be passed on to the retail level as well.

A spokesman for the IRS said it received 2,115 complaints between Nov. 16 and Dec. 14. Of 25,543 "spot checks" by the IRS during that month, to check a station's justification for higher prices, agents found 9,138 apparent violations, a spokesman said.

"They were not only (cases of) overcharging, but could also be failing to post the price on the sticker at the pump," he said.

The IRS secured rollbacks of prices in 3,344 cases, he said, and many of those also had to give refunds.

Service stations make refunds by reducing prices for a period or sometimes by giving away gasoline worth the amount of the previous overcharge.

Rationing decision hinges on three economic factors

WASHINGTON (UPI) — If President Nixon decides not to ration gasoline, his decision will be based mainly on these factors:

—Energy conservation measures are working.

—Despite the Arab blockade, oil shipments are "seeping" into the United States.

—The administration considers coupon rationing to be a potential bureaucratic disaster.

Energy Chief William E. Simon is expected to announce today a standby rationing plan to be used in event the crisis worsens to the point where it is the only alternative. The latest figures compiled by the Federal Energy Office indicated the nation's oil "short-fall" is dropping from an expected high of 3.4 million barrels a day to a possible low of 1.2 million.

The figures still do not reflect the full impact of conservation measures such as the voluntary 10-gallon a week gasoline limit announced a week ago.

The international situation is becoming an increasingly larger factor on the rationing decision.

With the Arabs lifting the oil embargo to

several European nations and Japan, and the opening of the Arab-Israeli peace conference, energy officials are hopeful of increasing U.S. oil supplies.

Simon has been able to factor into the U.S. supply an unexpected 700,000 barrels a day of imported oil which is finding its way into the U.S. market, apparently by transshipment through other nations, energy officials said.

But if rationing is to be a last resort, the officials do not rule out new conservation measures.

Simon still is considering as options closing gasoline stations on both Saturday and Sunday, and a color-coded sticker system which would bar driving on one day of the week, the officials said.

The officials claim the administration feels that coupon rationing would be the most inequitable way to handle the crisis. It would create a new massive bureaucracy, trigger a possible widespread black market, and create inequities with some sectors of the public receiving a higher gasoline priority than others by virtue of their occupations, they said.

Try burning Buffalo chips home, home on the range

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans are writing 1,500 letters a day to energy chief William E. Simon on ways to cope with the energy shortage, including one man who urged householders to burn buffalo chips.

The man with the buffalo chip idea touted it as a replacement for coal or oil. After all, he said, "if it was good enough for our ancestors," it should be good enough for modern day Americans.

(In the pioneer era, homesteaders on the Great Plains, faced with a scarcity of wood, burned buffalo manure for heat and cooking.)

Another woman telephoned the Federal Energy Office and asked what could be done about her automobile. A puzzled official asked what had happened to the car.

"You told me to stop using gas so I parked the car, and now the police have towed it away," the caller said.

Inventors are swamping the energy office with their latest energy saving creations. One

man from Oklahoma offered his "electro plasma gravity hydrogen fusing reactor."

Another sent a many-page letter explaining his device to put "ocean waves" to work. To make sure officials took his letter seriously, the man added this post script.

"Remember, they told Orville, it won't fly."

One inventor wound up his letter by explaining he was motivated by patriotic reasons but that "I would be less than honest if I do not add that I expect to be well paid."

Another driver complained that he was trying to observe the President's request to hold to a 50-mile-an-hour speed limit, but police had arrested him for driving 50 in a 35 mile-an-hour speed zone.

One man told Simon he knew the location of "a pool of oil" but the government had better "hurry and get the information out of him because he was 75 years old."

President, wife fly United; set energy crisis example

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President and Mrs. Nixon slipped quietly out of the White House Wednesday and left by commercial airliner for the Nixon estate at San Clemente, Calif.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said the Nixons left aboard a United Air Lines flight from Dulles airport in nearby Virginia at 5:30 p.m. EST, along with daughter Tricia Cox, a staff of about 12 persons and a regular contingent of Secret Service agents.

The White House did not announce until well after the departure that the trip was being made. The unprecedented decision for the President to travel by commercial plane apparently was part of Nixon's campaign to set an example of sacrificing to help alleviate the energy shortage.

Warren said there was "not much demand" for the seats that Nixon and his party occupied on the flight, so "no one was bumped."

United Air Lines said the White House booked the reservations on Christmas Eve. A spokesman said White House officials booked 13 first class and 12 coach seats and were "very emphatic about not getting any special treatment." The plane, United's Flight 55 from Dulles to Los Angeles, was a 238-passenger DC10 jumbo jet.

United said Nixon personally paid for his family's first class tickets. The price of a ticket is \$217.64.

Anticipating another question, Warren said "there are adequate communications placed on the aircraft" to deal with any emergencies.

He recalled that on Nixon's flight to China in 1972, highly sophisticated communication apparatus occupied no more space than a medium-sized suitcase.

UPI learned of Nixon's departure shortly after he left the White House but was asked to hold up reporting it for security reasons. About 15 minutes after Nixon had slipped out of the White House, Warren indicated he did not know that Nixon had left the White House.

Before Nixon left the White House, only a handful of Secret Service agents were informed.

Alimony ruled unconstitutional

ATLANTA (UPI) — A Fulton Superior Court judge ruled Wednesday that alimony payments are unconstitutional in Georgia, because they are a form of sex discrimination.

Judge Charles Wofford, basing his decision on the definition of alimony in Georgia, agreed with a husband's contention that a law requiring men to support former wives is a form of sex discrimination.

In the divorce case of Michael Vincent Murphy III vs. Barbara Browne Murphy, Murphy contended the Georgia statutes are unconstitutional because of the definition of alimony.

Oil sparks market rally

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Arab's relaxation of their oil embargo against Western Europe and Japan sparked a rally on the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, sending the prices of most stocks higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average of 30 blue chip stocks leaped 22.75 points and closed at 837.56. The number of shares advancing in price outpaced those declining by a four-to-one margin, and trading was fairly active.

The market remained sensitive to developments regarding the Middle East, however. After opening strong with a Dow advance of more than 21 points in the first hour, the market lost half that gain on the basis of a report that Egypt and Israel each considered the other's Suez disengagement plans unacceptable. But then the rally resumed.

DuPont and Eastman Kodak each gained 4 3/4 to lead the chemicals, and other groups such as the steels, rails, aircrafts, airlines and electronics also were higher.

Arabs target Kissinger; plot thwarted in Lebanon

BRUSSELS (UPI) — The Arab guerrilla organization that killed 32 persons at Rome and Athens airports last week originally had planned to assassinate U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Beirut a day earlier but was thwarted, military and diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

The sources said the Libyan governmental leadership had ordered the submachinegun and grenade attempt on Kissinger's life at Beirut International

Airport Dec. 16 but Lebanese authorities learned of it in time and ordered Kissinger's plane diverted to Rayak air base instead.

In Washington, the State Department said it could neither confirm nor deny the report.

Rayak Air Base is 45 miles east of Beirut. The U.S. Embassy in the Lebanese capital said the Kissinger plane went there for security reasons. Security throughout his Middle East swing was intense because

of what American officials described before his trip as threats against his life.

(In Washington, State Department spokesman George Vest refused to discuss the report saying, "We do not wish to discuss security matters at all. We do not have at hand information to confirm or deny those reports.")

(Asked if the Department knew anything about a possible link between Libya and the group, Vest added: "We do not have any independent informa-

tion to confirm that, or to draw any conclusion about that.")

According to the sources, the Libyans told the group to attack instead at Rome, where they killed 31 persons at Leonardo da Vinci Airport Dec. 17 before hijacking a Lufthansa airliner and killing one more person during a stopover in Athens.

The sources said the airport attack was ordered to be carried out at all costs to coincide with the originally scheduled opening of the Arab-Israeli peace conference in Geneva Dec. 18.

They said the guerrillas were members of the National Youth for the Liberation of Palestine, a Libyan-financed and run arm of the Black September guerrilla organization.

The group split off from the Popular Front of the Liberation of Palestine about a year ago, and the sources said, linked up with Black September before launching its first operation in Nicosia April 9, an attack against an Israeli airliner and the Israeli ambassador's residence.

Italian police on Sept. 5 arrested five Arabs in the Rome area after finding two portable Soviet-made anti-aircraft missiles in an apartment near Leonardo da Vinci Airport. The police said the missiles were to be used hours later against an El Al plane.

Two of the five arrested were released on provisional bail but did not turn up Dec. 17, the day of the airport attack, to join the other three for trial.

Palestinian attack plot broken by French agents

PARIS (UPI) — A pro-Palestinian guerrilla group poised to launch commando attacks in various European capitals — apparently including Geneva where the Middle East peace talks are underway — has been smashed by French counter-espionage agents, French officials announced Wednesday.

The French arrested 13 persons, including two women, and seized a large cache of weapons and explosives.

The arrests came 24 hours after a Palestinian member of the ring was taken into custody on the Italian frontier while driving a car fitted out with secret compartments for smuggling explosives, police said.

The group included 10 Turkish citizens, two Palestinians and an Algerian, Interior Ministry officials said.

Police said preliminary findings indicated the group planned to stage commando attacks in various European capitals in the near

future. Police believe Geneva possibly was a target.

The 10 Turks said they belonged to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Turkey, an extremist faction closely cooperating with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), police said.

Police began shadowing members of the ring last fall after several of them had rented a large villa in the Corbeil area and used it to build bombs and to make up false passports, police said.

The seized material included 40 pounds of plastic explosives, detonators, hand grenades, letter bombs, false passports, hollowed-out books charged with explosives and plans for attacks on unidentified targets, police said.

Police said the arrests were carried out Dec. 20 after agents of the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST)—the counter-espionage and internal security service — fingered members of the ring.

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Weather

Local Forecast: Periods of rain or drizzle and some fog this morning. Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers this afternoon. Highs in the upper 40s to low 50s. Probability of precipitation is 40 per cent. Fire Index: Low. Record Weather Pattern on Page 10.

Good morning

Four-year-old bursting into song: "Hark the hairy angels sing."

Stock story

Open: 814.81 Close: 937.56
Change: Up 22.75
Volume: 18.2 million

Mao's 80th observed quietly across China

HONG KONG (UPI) — Communist party leader Mao Tse-tung observed his 80th birthday Wednesday with the clear knowledge that he had carried out his vow to transform the weak, divided and dominated China of his youth into a powerful, unified and influential nation.

No public birthday celebrations were scheduled in China for the ruler of the world's most populous nation—more than 700 million people—now recognized as one of the five major powers.

Nor was any mention of the anniversary made by the official New China News Agency (NCNA) in its report monitored in Hong Kong.

Mao made his vow in 1921 when China was in the torment

of domestic strife and foreign domination.

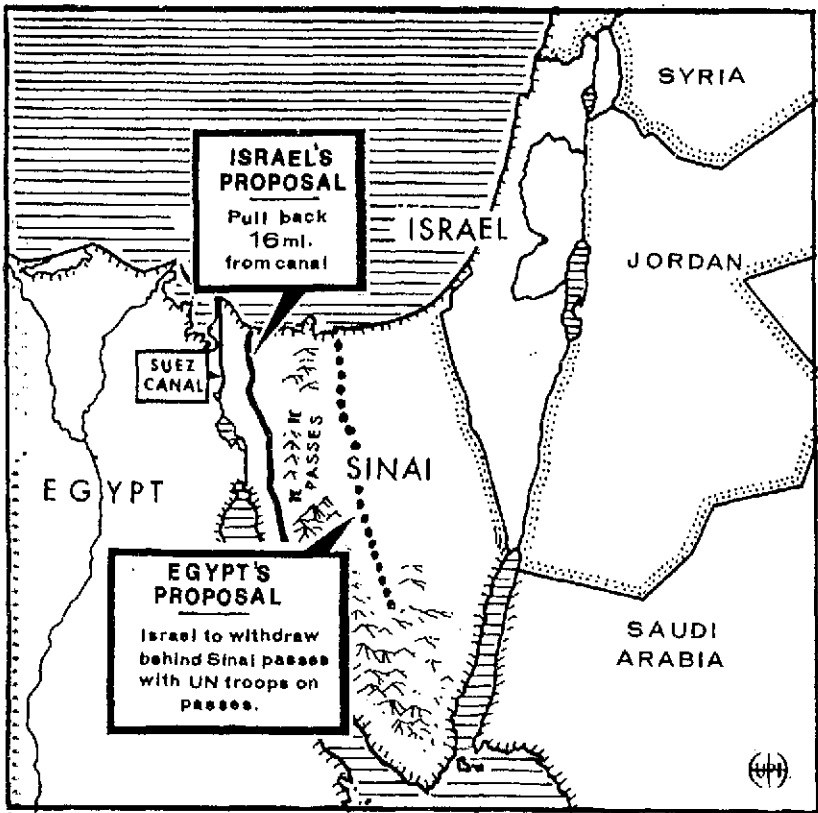
His "revolutionary aim," he declared, was "to transform China and the world."

And, while he may not have changed the world, he has made a mark that few world leaders past or present can match.

At 80, Mao still is fighting to keep alive the revolution he won on the battlefield a quarter century ago.

His goal now is to ensure a continuation of the revolution, a perpetuation of his Communist thought and programs through ideological debate and violence, if necessary.

So long as Mao lives and dominates the scene as he has for decades, the continuing revolution he desires will go on in some form.



Israel, Egypt fail to break deadlock

Troop withdrawal plans rejected

GENEVA (UPI) — Egyptian and Israeli generals met Wednesday in a new effort to break the deadlock over the separation of their armed forces on the Suez Canal front as the first step toward negotiating a Middle East peace settlement.

But each side dismissed the other's proposals as unacceptable and adopted such tough bargaining positions that no progress was reported in the opening session that lasted an hour and 38 minutes.

A brief communique said only that the two sides discussed "principles of disengagement that will facilitate productive discussions in future meeting." The next session was set for Friday.

In Tel Aviv, Lt. Gen. David Elazar, armed forces chief of staff, warned any breakdown in the Geneva talks over the disengagement of Egyptian and Israeli forces might spark renewed war along the Suez front, the national radio said.

The Israeli military com-

mand reported more small arms and artillery clashes east and west of the waterway during the day.

A U.N. spokesman in Cairo said continued shooting incidents in the Suez City area are slowing down the delivery of relief supplies to the trapped Egyptian 3rd Army on the east bank. Rudolf Stajduhar of Yugoslavia said, however, that supplies to Suez itself were continuing normally.

The rival military delegations, headed by Brig. Tahar el

Magdoub of Egypt and Maj. Gen. Mordecai Gur of Israel, both in uniform, met with their aides in a small room in the Palais des Nations, European headquarters of the United Nations.

Supervising the private talks was Finnish Lt. Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, commander of the U.N. peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, representing U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

The military working group was established by Secretary of

State Henry A. Kissinger and the foreign ministers of the Soviet Union, Egypt, Israel and Jordan when they opened the Middle East peace talks last week.

The disengagement negotiations were a continuation of those held at Kilometer 101 on the Suez-Cairo road which broke down Nov. 29 after 10 meetings.

The United Nations imposed strict security for the military group's meeting.

Pressure on milk producers for campaign funds denied

WASHINGTON (UPI) — White House tapes and documents do not support charges that the Justice Department filed an antitrust suit against milk producers in an effort to extract contributions for President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign, a Watergate special prosecutor said Wednesday.

"None of these documents or recordings support" allegations of Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI), assistant prosecutor Jon A. Sale said in an affidavit contained in a Justice Department brief filed last week in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

The brief was filed in reply to AMPI's request that the court order the department to produce documents and memos related to Nixon's fundraising activities among milk producers.

The Senate Watergate Committee and the prosecutor are investigating allegations that Nixon increased the federal price support for raw milk in 1971 in exchange for \$527,000 in campaign contributions by the dairy industry. AMPI, headquartered in San Antonio, Tex., is the largest of the three cooperatives in the investigation.

Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski is reported to also be looking into an accusation that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell

blocked a criminal investigation of AMPI after it contributed \$202,000 to the Nixon campaign.

The Justice Department filed a civil antitrust suit against AMPI on Feb. 1, 1972, charging the 40,000-member cooperative with forcing milk haulers to refuse to deal with nonmembers and forcing dairies to buy only from members.

Department lawyers said in the brief that AMPI's attempts to link the antitrust suit to the campaign fund scandal was "frivolous" and "immaterial." They agreed to provide certain documents and memos AMPI wanted but only for the private inspection of the judge who would have to determine if they were relevant.

Richard W. McLaren, who was in charge of the antitrust division when the suit was filed, said in a test affidavit his "sole reason for directing that the AMPI suit be filed was to prevent and restrain what appeared from our investigation to be serious violations of the antitrust laws."

McLaren, now a U.S. district judge in Illinois, said that on Sept. 9, 1971, he asked Mitchell to authorize a grand jury investigation into a possible conspiracy by AMPI and others to eliminate competition in the milk marketing industry in the Midwest.

What's news

Bethlehem woman killed in crash

PAXTON, Ill. — A chartered bus carrying 39 people to a national religious conference hit a car and overturned on an icy highway Wednesday, killing two persons and injuring about 30. Authorities identified one of the dead as Susan McClure, 22, Bethlehem, Pa. The name of the second victim, a young man from Ontario, Canada, was withheld pending notification of relatives. The Paxton Community Hospital said it treated about 30 accident victims and admitted 10 of them. One person was listed in critical condition, another in serious and the eight others were in fair to good condition, the hospital administrator said.

Hogan retires as D.A.

NEW YORK — Manhattan District Attorney Frank S. Hogan Wednesday bowed to failing health and announced his retirement after 32 years as head of the nation's busiest criminal law office. The 71-year-old Hogan, who suffered a stroke and was operated on for removal of a lung tumor last summer, said he was retiring effective Feb. 6 because "for some time I have been too ill to perform my duties . . ."

Fire sparks bullets, imperils firemen

ST. LOUIS — Firemen ducked exploding bullets Wednesday as they fought a blaze that destroyed an electronically equipped desk installed for suburban Florissant's police chief only last month at a cost of \$1,200. Chief Milton Vogel kept ammunition for two pistols in a drawer of the desk, and the bullets exploded sporadically during the fire.

Bomb blasts London theatre

LONDON — A bomb, apparently another in the Irish Republican Army (IRA) terror campaign in London, blew up near the stage door of the Victoria Palace theatre Wednesday during the performance of a show, police said. A police spokesman said two persons were hospitalized from shock but added no one was injured by flying debris from the bomb.

New N. J. supercop named

TRENTON, N. J. — John H. Rodriguez of Cherry Hill, currently chairman of the state Board of Higher Education, was named Wednesday as the new chairman of the state Commission of Investigation (SCI). Rodriguez, 43, a Camden lawyer, succeeds John McCarthy Sr., who resigned effective when his term as chairman and member expired Dec. 16.

Easton controller pays \$200

EASTON, Pa. — City Controller Edward Lucey on Wednesday agreed to repay some \$200 to City Council after allegedly misusing the funds while attending two conventions during the year. Lucey had come under fire from council for spending city funds for liquor, a golf outing and entertaining relatives during the Pennsylvania League of Cities convention and another gathering in Kansas City, Mo.

Auto registrations mailed

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Bureau of Motor Vehicles said Wednesday it has sent out more than half the 1974 auto registration renewal applications. The bureau is allowing drivers to get duplicate registration cards for other members of their families at the same time they receive regular registrations.

U.S. deficit reduced in Nov.

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department reported the U. S. budget was in the red in November by \$1.89 billion, a sharp improvement from the larger deficits of the previous month and the like 1972 month. The deficit in October was \$5.46 billion and in November 1972 was \$4.49 billion. The Treasury said total government receipts in November were \$20.21 billion, up from \$17.64 billion in October and 16.75 billion dollars a year earlier.

American ships denied port

WASHINGTON — The Malagasy Republic has abruptly refused to allow four American destroyers operating in the Indian Ocean to make a port call on grounds that it lacked both fuel and docking space, State Department officials said Wednesday. Last week an Arab delegation from Libya was in the Malagasy Republic, the modern name for the island of Madagascar, which sparked speculation the Malagasy government may have banned the ships for political reasons to avoid offending the Arabs who supply the nation's oil.

Suspected killer caught

NEW BOSTON, Tex. — Police Wednesday captured a Salem, Va., man who allegedly stabbed a bus driver to death Tuesday while the bus sped along a North Texas highway at 60 miles per hour. Bowie County Sheriff Earl Sabo said James Edward Morris, 31, was charged with murder and remained in jail in lieu of \$75,000 bond.

(The weekly Pennsylvania lottery number will be drawn today).

Oil flow to Europe praised

By United Press International

The Arab decision to increase oil production drew praise in Europe Wednesday but officials were quick to note there would be no short-term relief for energy-hungry Europeans.

No plans were announced to ease fuel conservation projects started when the Arab oil boycott began last fall.

In Sweden, a spokesman for the Industry Ministry called the move "very satisfactory" but said plans for oil, gasoline and electricity rationing beginning in January would not be changed. He said it would be a long time "before this affects the Swedish market—probably not until next March—and we must not ease our rationing."

The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting in Kuwait Tuesday, announced a 10 per cent increase in oil production for January, limiting the total cutback since the boycott began to 15 per cent. The Arabs had previously set a 25 per cent cutback as their goal in the "oil war" against the West. However, the embargo against Holland and the United States will remain.

Laurence Brinkhorst, Dutch state secretary for foreign affairs, said it was unfair for Holland to be singled out for continued boycotting because it has supported various European Community statements supporting Arab aspirations in the Middle East.

In Brussels, an economic ministry spokesman said even if the process of resuming full shipments is started now, it will take about six weeks before full deliveries are up to normal in Belgium again.

U.S. firms seek oil, gas for Egypt

TULSA, Okla. (UPI) — Two American companies, LVO Corp. of Tulsa and Pexamin Pacific Ltd. of Houston, announced Wednesday they had signed a contract to explore for oil and gas in Egypt.

Egypt is one of the nations participating in the Arab oil embargo against the United States and other Western countries.

The announcement said LVO and Pexamin would share the proceeds from any development in Egypt on an equal basis after the share agreed upon with the Egyptian General Petroleum Corp. (EGPC) had been deducted.

Home endangered by man's rules

Family leaves city for crude life

DALLAS (UPI) — In the neighborhood where Bob and Toni Blackman used to live their children didn't have much room to play and the rent was high.

There were rats and roaches and the Blackmans claim their landlord wasn't interested in eliminating the pests.

So the Blackmans bundled up their four boys and three-month-old daughter and moved into a tent on the wooded shores of Lake Ray Hubbard.

"We just decided we'd be better right here," he said of the lake front 25 miles outside of town.

The Blackmans, who are in their early 30s, pitched their tent along a creek 100 yards from the lake, dragged in an empty cable pool for a table and built a brick stove in the dirt.

"We've been out here about three months and the kids evidently are much healthier, getting fresh air and sunshine. If it was where we could, we'd stay here indefinitely."

The reservoir manager is not quite so anxious.

"People down here at the water utilities came out and told us that people have been coming out here and seeing us and they don't like the idea of us being out here," Mrs. Blackman said.

She said the lake authorities told them to leave.

Health insurance guide released

HARRISBURG (UPI) — Insurance Commissioner Herbert S. Denenberg Wednesday issued a "Shoppers Guide to Health Insurance," that said 15 of the 25 biggest health insurance companies operating in Pennsylvania are poor buys.

The guide — the 17th consumer booklet issued by Denenberg in the past three years — said health insurance companies should be financially strong and should return more than half the premium dollar in services.

"Fifteen of the 25 largest companies do not meet these two simple criteria and I would have to say these 15 companies are not good buys for the consumer," Denenberg said.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield "appear to be the best all around health insurance buys available," according to Denenberg. He said both are financially strong and return in excess of 90 cents of every premium dollar.

One of the drawbacks, the guide says, is that Blue Cross and Blue Shield "may be quite expensive for the individual. In this case, a prospective buyer should look into the commercial health plans."

The 17-page guide urges consumers to join group health insurance programs where possible, and to steer clear of mail order health insurers and "dread disease" policies.

"This guide is intended to help the consumer," Denenberg said. "It is intended to show the consumer why health insurance is important, to enable buyers to get more benefits for the premium dollar and to cut through complicated competing policies to get the best possible buy."

The guide also contains a special section designed for persons on Medicare or Medicaid.

Denenberg lists 15 bad buys

HARRISBURG (UPI) — Here are the 15 companies Insurance Commissioner Herbert S. Denenberg lists as "not good buys" in his Shoppers Guide to Health Insurance.

The list is based on financial stability ratings taken from Best's Insurance Reports: Life Health and Property Casualty Editions, and the "loss ratio" (amount of each dollar returned in services to the public.)

Physicians Mutual Insurance Co.; National Liberty Life Insurance Co.; Beneficial Standard Life Insurance Co.; Union Bankers Insurance Co.; Time Insurance Co.; Reserve Insurance Co.; Bankers Life and Casualty Insurance Co.; Globe Life & Accident Insurance Co.; National Home Life Insurance Co.; American Family Life Assurance Co. of Columbus; Union Fidelity Life Insurance Co.; Liberty National Life Insurance Co.; Bankers Multiple Line Insurance Co.; United Insurance Co. of America; National Life & Accident Insurance Co.

Highway death toll record low

By United Press International

The toll on the nation's highways was held to a record low of 518 deaths during the four-day Christmas weekend, a final count showed Wednesday.

A National Safety Council spokesman called the death rate for the 102-hour period "remarkably low" and said experts believed "the energy crisis, resulting in less miles traveled and lower speeds, played a primary role."

The final figure for the holiday period from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Tuesday was well below the lower end of the safety council's estimate that between 550 and 650 persons would die.

The council, in making its estimate before Christmas, said it had taken the energy crisis, with resulting reduced speeds and reduced travel, into consideration and had trimmed 50 fatalities "from what the toll might have been if the gasoline shortage did not exist."

A final United Press International count of accidental holiday deaths showed:

Traffic	518
Fire	88
Plane	22
Other	62
Total	690

The National Safety Council said the traffic toll was the lowest for a four-day Christmas weekend since it began keeping records in 1947. The previous record low was 535 over the four-day holiday of 1951.

"It is hard to put a name on the exact cause because of various weather and road conditions," a spokesman said. "We would surmise that the energy crisis, resulting in less miles traveled and lower speeds, played a primary role in this reduction."



STICK TO REINDEER — Many motorists roamed the nation's highways looking for gas Christmas day, when almost all stations closed. Santa illustrates the dilemma in Whittier, Calif., outside Los Angeles. Most stations are expected to close New Year's day also. (UPI Wirephoto)

Article denied

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Actor Carroll O'Connor, who plays Archie Bunker in the "All in the Family" television show, has denied that he wrote a story that appeared in an AFL-CIO publication calling for President Nixon's impeachment.

O'Connor called the story a "complete fabrication."

The story in question ran in the Texas AFL-CIO Labor News' December issue.

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Official to retire after 18 years of community service



Howard Buzzard . . . has served his community well

By MAUREEN RUFÉ
Pocono Record Reporter

SCIOFA — Before an audience of lacey snowflakes building up on the frosty windshield in front of him, "Turk" slides his lips up and down his worn harmonica and fills the empty silence of the early morning hours with a familiar church hymn.

It is about 3 a. m. and heavy snow has threatened to completely cripple all movement in Hamilton Township.

Most residents are tucked away comfortably in bed without a worry, for they know "Turk" is out there somewhere in the darkness fighting the elements in a snow plow or on the cinder spreader, just so the school bus can get through in the morning.

For the past 18 years, Howard "Turk" Buzzard has always been there when the snow came; he has always been there when the residents needed him on the roads or to help settle any other township matter.

As of Jan. 1, Buzzard will retire from his faithful years of service in the community as both a supervisor and the municipality's main truck driver.

Now 69, Buzzard will receive a \$32-a-month pension from the township for his contributions throughout the years. He is the first Hamilton supervisor to receive such a pension.

It was 1956, the year after "the big flood" when Buzzard first came into office on the democratic ticket. He was elected for three successive terms.

Although having lived in the township ever since he was four years old, "Turk" said he never thought about going into politics when he was a boy.

After running his father's farm, however, he got a job with a private road contractor. After that, he became dedicated to improving and

blacktopping roads in Hamilton Township.

"I first wanted to run in 1956," said the supervisor, "because there were a lot of dirt roads in Hamilton and I had a lot of young fellows behind me that wanted them blacktopped."

"I feel real satisfied with what we have accomplished on the roads, but it was the three supervisors always working together that made this possible," he continued.

The one accomplishment that stands out in Buzzard's mind over the years is the erection of the township's new municipal building.

Modest man

Pointing to modesty as one of his greatest characteristics, fellow road workers at Hamilton Township say one could never ask for a nicer fellow to work with than Buzzard.

"If you can't get along with Howard, you can't get along with anybody," commented Hamilton Supervisor Chairman Robert Field, who has known Buzzard on several occasions.

"He's an honest, hardworking, conscientious man who really takes pride in our township roads," continued Field. "He really pushed for road improvement and he has always tried to make decisions as a supervisor that

are in the interests of the majority of taxpayers."

Field explained that when Buzzard first started the municipal road work, he was paid only \$1.25 an hour and worked for many hours without pay for the benefit of the township.

Before Hamilton's acquisition of a modern cinder spreader, "Turk" was always the man who volunteered to ride on the back of the truck in sleet and snow, the push cinders down in the truck hopper by hand.

According to road men working with him, Howard never complained about being there; he simply said he liked the outdoors and that he didn't mind.

A short muscular fellow, Buzzard was tagged with the nickname of "Turk" at an early age by his peers. Because

he was so strong, his pals jokingly referred to him as "Turkey" Buzzard. Later his nickname was shortened to "Turk."

"I know I'm going to miss him," commented Field. "And because of his years of experience and dedication to the roads here, the township will miss him too."

Active in the Shafer School House and also able to play the accordion, Buzzard said he doesn't know as yet what he will do when he does retire.

He explained that he had to retire because the job was just too dangerous for a man his age and he said he would never run for supervisor if he couldn't be active on the roads too.

"The job is getting more demanding now because of new people and different ideas; nobody seems

satisfied," said "Turk." "When you've been in it as many years as I have, you're ready to give it up."

"I guess I just could sit at the highway shed, but that wouldn't really appeal to me," he added. "My job has always been interesting working on the roads and meeting people in Hamilton Township. I feel pretty well satisfied that things have gone real well while I was in office. Now it's time for me to retire."

Elderly people not idle during Christmas season

Record County Bureau
HONESDALE — Retirees of the Wayne-Pike border area celebrated Christmas more than once this year.

Five parties, sponsored by organizations of retired persons, were given for area retirees and nursing home residents.

The series of celebrations

began Dec. 5 for the retirees of the Honesdale and Hawley areas. A turkey dinner was served to more than 100 persons at the Allen Motor Inn.

Rev. Robert Kistler, St. John's Lutheran Church, Honesdale, spoke on the meaning of Christmas to "older folk" and read the nativity.

Carols and a visit from Santa completed the festivities.

Waymart area retirees had a covered dish supper and entertainments Dec. 6. Guests of the Gesikie Nursing Home joined the meal.

Three area clergymen divided the meal's blessings. Rev. Norman Dunsmore gave the invocation, Rev. Russell Edwards gave a meditation, and Rev. Thomas Tracy gave the benediction.

The Newfoundland retirees, recently organized, gave a party for the guests at the Holiday Hill Nursing Home, Newfoundland, Dec. 11. Gifts were given to nursing home guests.

Lake Ariel retired persons gave a covered dish dinner Dec. 12 at the Lake Ariel Fire Hall. Lake Ariel is also a recently organized group.

Pleasant Mount "Mountaineers" gave the final Christmas party on Dec. 13 with a covered dish supper.

A three-piece band from the Honesdale Center called the Merry-makers played at all the Christmas parties.

Area retirees also gave two parties for patients in the Extended Care Facility of the Wayne County Memorial Hospital on Dec. 20.

Gifts were bought for all guests on the second and third floor of the extended wing of the hospital. Refreshments were served to all who were able to walk or ride in wheel chairs to the dining rooms.

Gifts and refreshments were given to those patients unable to leave their rooms.

A check was donated to the county child welfare service. Retirees also made lap robes for the hospital wheel chair patients and small gifts were given to those ready to go home and needy persons.

Pen Argyl honor roll students

PEN ARGYL — Students at Pen Argyl High School who made the honor roll in the first marking period include:

Seniors — Phyllis Ashenfalter, Roxann Chorones, Angela Cole, Kay Dorney, Ann Edwards, Denise Mann, Michael Manoway, Robert McWilliams, Randy Siegfried, Bradley Transue, Dina Uliana and Susan Weaver.

Juniors — Thomas Albanese, Mandy Buskirk, Larry Cory, Richard Ede, Michele Florot, Rick Gaston, Laurie Harris, Robin Hughes, Wayne Lugg, Christina Marr, Merrell McDermott, Lynette Nolf and Larry Stamelz.

Sophomores — Gail Boyhont, Heidi Custer, Pamela Mengel, David Sisolak and Linda Smolenyak.

Freshman — Allyson Abbott, Paulette Dorney, Angela Doloi, Kristine Kresge, Mary Mastriani, Cynthia Mohn, Bruce Murphy, Debora Rejmer and Janice Werkheiser.

Grade Eight — Jacqueline Lorenzo, Steven Marshall and Sheri Pfeiffer.

Grade Seven — Linda Biechy, Ann Bilheimer, Stephanie Case, Thomas Cesare, Raymond Huml, Kelly Knapp, Jay Sauder, Michael Sutter and Dennis Uhler.



Carl Weiss

Carl Weiss honored by Rotary

CRESCO — Carl Weiss has been named youth of the month by the Pocono Mountain Rotary Club.

Weiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Weiss of Cresco, is active in bowling club, marching, concert and stage band, brass ensemble, chorus, choral ensemble and school play (lead and title role).

He is a student representative on the school's philosophy committee, a member of Traveling Youth Choir, president of the entire sub-district of Methodist Youth Fellowship and was elected to Who's Who of American High Schools.

He wrestled from 9th to 11th grades.

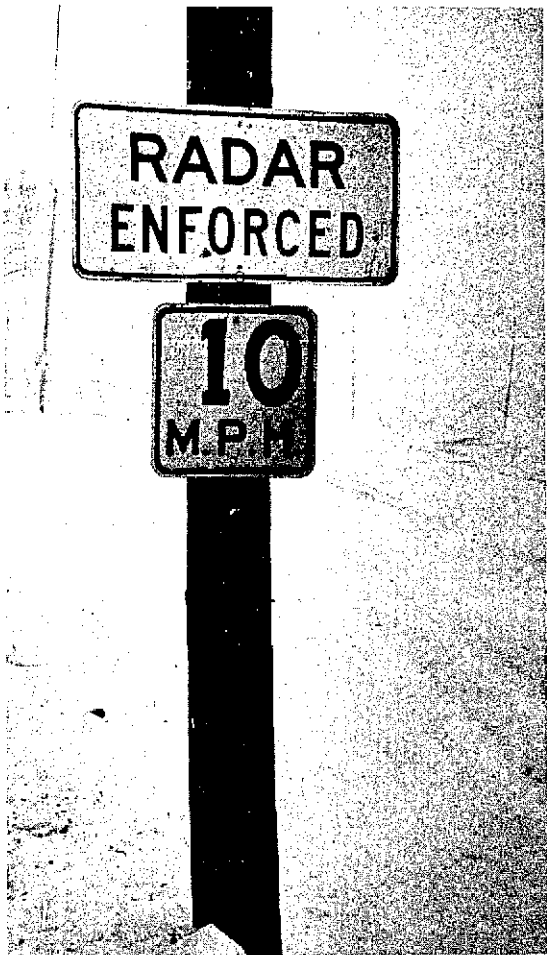
Firemen answer three calls

EAST STROUDSBURG — Two fires within four hours Sunday brought out volunteers from Acme Hose Co. in East Stroudsburg.

At 4 p.m., 54 men and seven trucks responded to a chimney fire at the residence of Dr. Frederick Jones, of 116 Washington St. No damage was reported.

At 7:30 p.m., 44 men and two trucks extinguished a fire in a tree house behind the Andrew Secor house on Secor Avenue. Little damage resulted from the blaze.

At 9:34 a.m. Saturday, 46 men and three trucks from the Stroudsburg Fire Co. answered a call to the Betty Pugh residence at 926 Sarah St. where a kerosene stove had caught fire. The blaze was out on arrival with no damage reported.



THEY'RE KIDDING — These signs are mounted on a telephone pole at the Lehigh Valley Sand and Gravel Co. in Brodheadsville, but the speed limit sign is no joke. The sign about the radar is a little far-fetched.

(Staff photo by Maureen Rufe)

Chapel to present film for teenagers in county

EAST STROUDSBURG — "Face the Music," a new teenage dramatic film spectacular by Gospel Films Inc., will be shown at 9 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Hauserville Chapel next to Mosier's Dairy, East Stroudsburg. There will be no admission charge.

"Face the Music" tells the story of Sid Fox, trumpeter and leader of a night club combo, whose pathway to stardom is lined with failure.

Geared to modern teenagers, this motion picture lays bare the materialistic phoniness that is characteristic of many people today — but it doesn't stop there. In language that teenagers understand, the film presents definite answers to the most important questions they face.

In releasing the film, Billy Zeoli, president of Gospel Films, said, "Face the Music" is a beautiful dramatic production with an intriguing story and solid Gospel presentation which features Thurlow

Spurr with delightful music by the Spurrrows.

"Producer Al Kuhnle in his first production as head of Gospel Films' Youth Films Division, has brought a degree of teenage understanding that has long been needed in the field of Christian motion pictures.

"His use of outstanding settings and beautiful costumes makes this a film long to be remembered. Director Jan Sadlo has captured on film a brilliant performance by Lynn Eisenhower and Nick Jason."

4-H Clubs

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — The 4-H Club movement originated in Mississippi.

Back in 1907, William Hall "Corn Club" Smith was superintendent of schools in Mississippi's Holmes County.

He started what was called "corn clubs" for boys.

The movement quickly spread throughout the South — and later the nation — under the name of 4-H Clubs.

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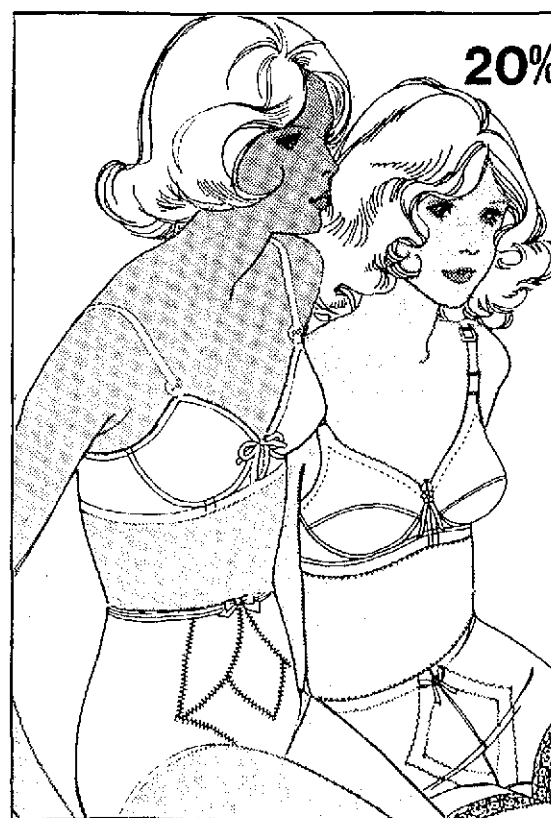
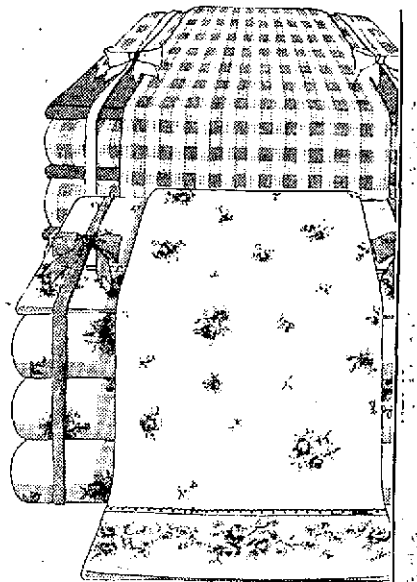
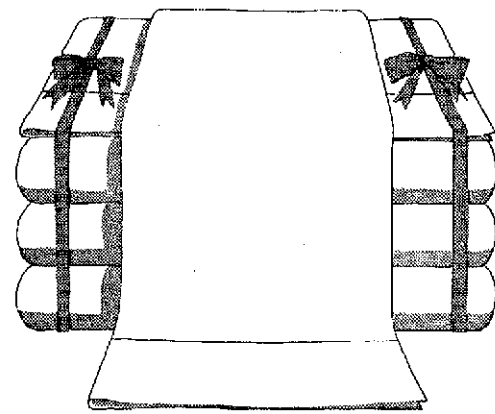
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Carnival died of own weight

It was ironic that the four-year-old Pocono Winter Carnival was abandoned when, for the first time in two years, there was snow on the ground and freezing temperatures in the air.

Perhaps that was indicative of the real problems in the carnival concept — lack of snow was upsetting but not the determining factor in the carnival's demise.

Lack of interest was the culprit. The carnival was a manufactured affair, forged by the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau with an eye toward creating an annual, traditional highlight of the winter season and a drawing card for tourists.

There's no complaint about that. Had the idea caught on, everyone would have benefited, not just those businessmen who depend on tourists for a living. But because it was an artificial, manufactured happening, it lacked that attraction for local residents that could have made the week crackle with excitement.

For such "traditional" events to succeed, they must in truth be traditional. Dartmouth's winter carnival, for example, didn't arise out of some public relations man's imagination. It simply organized already existing activities.

There were no such activities in the Poconos. People around here normally don't go in for ice and snow sculpture; ski races are for the out-of-towners and snowmobile races, like the forgoing, do depend on the existence of snow.

Alternative activities to those that need snow or ice weren't available, for the most part. The East Stroudsburg State College basketball tournament was so vital in that context that its transfer to Wilkes College spelled doom for the carnival. The week could have been filled out with plays and concerts, but the resources weren't there, apparently. Nor, we must conclude, was the interest.

Some day perhaps, as local residents create their own diversions to lighten an otherwise dull season, a winter carnival of sorts can be organized that will be self-sustaining. But it is going to take local interest, initiative and imagination to make it work. And a degree of organization, planning and cooperation that was unfortunately lacking in the four editions of the winter carnival that did go on.

Too high to count

As gasoline prices zoom upward in the coming months, due as much to the hefty price hikes of foreign crude oil as to the oil shortage, there is one industry that is sure to benefit — those firms that make the mechanisms for gasoline pumps.

A measure of the optimism with which America viewed its fuel supplies is the fact that most pumps won't register prices above 99.99 cents per gallon. And gasoline pumps in Pennsylvania won't go above 49.9 cents per gallon.

When prices climb over that number (and they will) it will mean either that consumers won't be able to compute unit and total prices to make sure they get what they paid for, or that gasoline pumps will have to be adapted for the new prices.

Another solution has been made by Agriculture Secretary James McHale, who also deals with weights and measures as titular head of that department. He has asked gasoline retailers to compute fuel on a half-gallon basis so the machines can keep up with the price spiral.

At least then the consumer will know where he stands while he watches those spinning dials tell the tale of an end to the era of cheap fuel and the beginning of a time of changing values and lifestyle.



Light Side

For the 'Brute' Boys

By GENE BROWN
Ottaway News Service

Football coach Frank Leahy, a born worrier never predicted victory before a game. Instead, he would conjure up some reason why his team could not win.

Once, when he was coach at Boston College, the team was to play Tulane in New Orleans. On the train trip down, he lamented to the sports writers:

"How can we be expected to win this contest? We're cooped up on a train, watching our muscles stiffen, while the opposition is getting into top shape scrimmaging on the field."

A few weeks later, Boston College was to play host to a team from the West. This time, Leahy moaned:

"A fat chance we have to win this one. We'll be worn out from constant practice and they'll be fit and rested after a relaxing train ride."

Keep this handy

To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men.

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Unanswered questions disturb President's supporters

Roscoe Drummond

WASHINGTON — Those who wish the President well continue to be puzzled and deeply disturbed by two unanswered questions:

If Watergate in all its varied crimes was "stupid, asinine and naive," as Vice President Gerald Ford said last week, can this mean anything other than that highly placed trusted aides, appointed by Nixon, were "stupid, asinine and naive"?

Since it is now into the second year after the Watergate offenses came into the open, why is it that the President has not by this time been able to demonstrate to most Americans that his knowing involvement was very minor?

These are valid questions, and it is clear that the absence of persuasive answers is causing the nation great anguish.

Watergate crimes

It is altogether too simple an explanation of the Watergate crimes to describe them as so stupid that no sensible person would commit them.

Jeffrey Hart

Hiss affair

To the average student today, the name Alger Hiss means little. Those who know anything about him at all seem inclined to believe that he was somehow framed, a victim of McCarthyism or of Nixon, an impression he himself has been laboring for 19 years to promote. He has done so with little help from the media — appearing on talk shows, reviewing books for respectable journals, appearing on the campus, showing up at a rally for the Berrigans, and so on. Most recently, he has latched onto Watergate, suggesting that he himself was the victim of an earlier Watergate-type operation.

But now the FBI is releasing to interested scholars its records on the Hiss-Chambers case. At one point the Bureau had 263 agents investigating the matter and the file contains some 53,000 pages.

Strangely enough, I have not heard that Mr. Hiss cried out with joy or danced in the street when the announcement was made that his file would be made public.

Professor makes study of case

The most thorough and objective study of the whole post-war controversy over Communists in the Federal Government was made by Prof. Earl Latham of the Amherst College government department: "The Communist Controversy in Washington" (Harvard University Press: 1966). Prof. Latham takes a decidedly sardonic view of Hiss' claims of innocence.

To recapitulate. In November, 1949, Hiss was convicted on two counts of perjury. The jury concluded that Hiss had lied when he stat-

ed under oath that 1) he had not turned over State Department documents to Whittaker Chambers, and 2) had not seen Chambers after January 1, 1937. The significance of the date is that the documents in question date from January-March 1938.

Chambers produced copies of State Department documents that he claimed Hiss had transmitted to him, as well as rolls of microfilmed documents said to be from the same source. It was established that all but one of the documents had been typed on a Woodstock typewriter owned by Hiss.

Hiss claimed in rebuttal that prior to January-March, 1938, he had given the typewriter to a family of servants by the name of Callett. One of them, Perry Callett, however, told of taking the machine immediately to be repaired at a shop that did not in fact open until September, 1938.

Hiss claimed not to have seen Chambers after January 1, 1937. Chambers said he had been given a loan of \$400 by Hiss to buy a car in November, 1937. Hiss' bank records showed that on November 19, Mrs. Hiss withdrew \$400 from a meager account, leaving only \$14.96 in it. A bill of sale showed that Chambers bought a car four days later for \$400.

'Forgery by typewriter'

The Hiss defense later tried, and failed, to produce a duplicate of the Woodstock typewriter in support of a "forgery by typewriter" theory. Alternatively, it has been argued that the FBI had secret possession of the original machine and forged the documents on it. But, Prof. Latham concludes:

Jack Anderson

Capitol Hill 007 won Shan guerrillas' confidence

WASHINGTON — In an international intrigue worthy of James Bond, a mild, bespectacled congressman has been called on by wild Burmese rebels to negotiate the freedom of two kidnapped Russian doctors.

The Capitol Hill 007 is Rep. Lester Wolff, D-N.Y., who won the Shan guerrillas' confidence last August during a trip to Southeast Asia. As chairman of a House narcotics subcommittee, Wolff brought back the Shan's offer to burn 400 tons of opium for \$12 million.

This would have drained the opium from the world market and cut off part of the U.S. heroin supply at the source. Although the State Department rejected the offer, the Shans came to trust Wolff and have now asked him to help out with an even stranger deal.

Last April, at the isolated Burmese village of Taungyi, two humanitarian Russian doctors were working at the Soviet hospital when a force of Shan rebels descended on them and kidnapped them at gunpoint. The rebels, according to our Shan sources, had hoped to grab the Russian ambassador to Burma who was supposed to be visiting the hospital at the time.

Second best

Their purpose was to hold him as ransom for the return of several Shan leaders now in Burmese government custody. Finding no ambassador, they made off with the two

physicians. Our sources say the pair have been moved from one remote camp to another while the Russians and Americans, cooperating secretly, have sought to free them. Meanwhile, the Burmese have refused to kidnap demands.

At one point, we started to break the story but yielded to State Department pleadings that publicity might endanger the rescue efforts and perhaps result in the doctors' deaths.

A few days ago, however, information reached us from the far northern regions of Burma that the rebels were interested in freeing the doctors.

"The two Russian doctors are (with) Kun Siang of the SUA (Shan United Army) who originally captured them," said the cryptic message. "The Russian Embassy in Bangkok has asked (for mediation) with Kun Siang."

'Honest broker'

The mediator selected by the Shans is Lester Wolff. They feel if Wolff helps them to work out a fair deal on the Russians, it will increase the Shan's world credibility.

Reluctant at first to leave his congressional chores, Wolff has now decided to do

opinion that he is innocent of wrongdoing?

The answer, it seems to me, is that Nixon has been addressing himself to the wrong questions.

Most of the time he has been talking about the (ital) incidents (initial) of Watergate, about the symptoms instead of the disease which brought on Watergate. He has talked about getting out the facts of what happened.

Of course the public wants the facts on these matters, but these are not what cause the deepest doubts and reservations in the minds of many people.

I believe the public wants evidence that Richard Nixon is openly and acutely conscious of what was wrong in his conduct of the presidency which could breed and permit such abuse of presidential power by those who acted in his name, if not with his explicit knowledge.

Prof. Phillip B. Kurland, editor of the Supreme Court Review and a teacher at the University of Chicago law school, goes to the heart of the matter in an article in The Wall Street Journal. He says:

"The danger to American democracy and freedom rests not so much in the Presidency itself but in the court that surrounds the Presidency. In the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations we have gone back in history to the time when the king and his council wielded all the national governmental authority."

"I don't yet know when the euphemism 'the White House' first came into use as a description of something other than the presidential mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. But it was exactly then when the White House became what it now is, a fourth branch of government, that we started down the road to Watergate."

"The American body politic is suffering not from what Sen. Fulbright once described as the 'arrogance of power' but rather from the power of arrogance."

To recover credibility and confidence, I believe President Nixon must discuss these matters frankly and forthrightly.



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the risky, humanitarian thing. He has agreed to serve as an "honest broker" and fly to the rugged Shan territory, and if that is what it takes to free the two doctors.

Footnote: The Shans say they are also willing to burn a ton of opium for Wolff to prove they can deliver the deadly drug in tonnage lots. They promise to do it "without the cheating that went into (General) Lao Li's similar deal two or three years ago. The "cheating" refers to a mix of opium and vegetation that was pawned off for \$1 million on the United States in Thailand. When we exposed what happened, the White House staged a sound-and-light press conference to insist the opium was pure and to denounce us as liars. We backed up our story by quoting from the secret CIA account of the million-dollar swindle. Now we are happy to print this additional unsolicited substantiation of our original story.

Millions for Christmas: Congressmen received a \$2 million Christmas present from a benevolent House Administration Committee in the form of an increase in their office allowances.

Chairman Wayne Hays, D-Ohio, bestowed the gift in a letter to his colleagues. With "kind personal regards," he informed them that next session each congressman could dip into the stationery allowance for a total of

\$5,250. The increase will cost the taxpayers more than \$438,000 next year.

This little extra is particularly appreciated, because the stationery allowance is so curiously unrestricted that a congressman may pocket the entire amount if he wishes.

An earlier Hays circular announced a quarterly increase in the telephone service in their home districts — a small adjustment that will add about \$263,000 to the taxpayers' bill.

A 25 per cent increase was also granted in the unit allowances for congressional telephone and telegraph service. Although the ultimate cost is hard to pin down, it may run as high as \$1 million a year.

But that's not all. Congressmen have also been given an increase in the amount they can spend for "official" expenses in their offices back home. This will cost the taxpayers another \$351,000.

There was still another special gift from the thoughtful Hays. Unexpended clerk-hire funds up to \$250 per month, under the new arrangements, can be spent upon congressional mail. This means the taxpayers could wind up footing the bill, indirectly, for political mass mailings.

As a Christmas token to his colleagues, in other words, Hays offered them half-a-dozen new ways to skin the taxpayers.

Letters to the editor

Congress thwarts Nixon's attempt to solve energy crisis

Editor, The Record;

It became apparent a few weeks ago that the United States must find a way to reduce its consumption of gasoline by about 10 per cent. The problem did not seem to be difficult. A request that users of gasoline reduce their purchases by that amount coupled with an appropriate increase in the federal gasoline tax for the duration of the shortage seemed appropriate. Such a tax would not hurt the consumers as the cost of the added tax would be more than offset by the saving in the cost of gasoline purchased.

But then the administration had to consider the reaction of Congress. Elections are coming and who can forget the oft-quoted quip of Lincoln that God must love dimwitted people "because he made so many of them." Senators Humphrey and Ribicoff and perhaps others rushed to the TV to state that any new tax on gasoline would be unfair to "the little man."

They did not point out that the poor, the senior citizens, the slum dwellers would not be affected by such a tax; nor did they point out that it is only the users of gasoline who can save gasoline; nor did they mention that if the users of gas would reduce their purchases by 10 per cent as requested they would have more money in hand at the end of the week notwithstanding the tax.

Two days after denouncing the only practical solution of the problem the senator from Minnesota went on record as denouncing the President for not solving the problem.

With Congress not leading the nation, or leading in the wrong direction, we could look forward only to a cold dark winter. Then Nixon pulled the rabbit out of the hat. The administration authorized the oil companies to raise the price of oil which will raise the cost of gasoline by about 2½ cents a gallon. Then the President asked Congress to place a "windfall" tax on the oil companies which would take the

added profit from the oil companies and would use it to develop new sources of energy.

Will this rise in the cost of gasoline solve the problem? I think that it might have, if it had been placed in effect without delay; but, with Congressional obstruction and delay, rationing and other harsh measures may be needed.

I predict that history will accord Nixon the credit he deserves in his attempt to lead the nation toward light and reason with respect to the energy crisis.

A. JOHN DODDS
Stroudsburg

Great thinking

Editor, The Record;

Congratulations to the Pocono Township Supervisors! Their decision to refuse tax monies toward the support of our airport because "it doesn't benefit us that much" is a most significant breakthrough for my tax dilemma.

Now I am free to refuse paying my school tax (\$2,645.13 for 1974), since, having no children, the schools don't benefit me that much!

What Paul Frailey really said at that meeting of 18 December was "to hell with progress and supporting the well-being of the other guy." Great thinking for a governmental body. I am sure my refusal to pay school taxes under the same criteria used by the Pocono Township Supervisors for airport support will be accepted. And why not?

Because in our democracy, we do not enforce our laws by a double standard. It always bothered me that my school tax payments are taken without even asking me if a new school should be built and should it have an Olympic swimming pool.

Now I will no longer worry about this un-

fairness. Thank you Pocono Township Supervisors for my tax relief. I am sure looking forward to saving that \$2,600 next year. I may not be able to live with myself for denying those kids my share in helping them get an education, but you guys got a point and I see it clearly.

By the way, see what you can do about my tax share to support the White House. I don't seem to have much use for that, either!

DANIEL E. KRYNICK
Secretary, Airport Authority
Mount Pocono

Thanks YMCA

Editor, The Record;

Just recently my 4½-year-old daughter finished eight weeks of Kinder Play at the local YMCA. I think it only fair to write and tell everyone about the wonderful job the teachers and coordinator of the program did. Initiating this program was a terrific idea and I praise them.

The program was only two hours, three times a week for a small fee. But indeed, the fee was small for all the fun and experiences she was able to have.

I think it is about time the town of Stroudsburg recognizes the potential the YMCA has, if only you the public would stand behind it more. Many of the programs and courses are free or have a small justifiable fee.

Again, my thanks to everyone concerned who took the time and had the patience to teach my little girl how to cooperate and work well with others, and also how to adjust to strangers.

Keep up the good work; eventually you at the YMCA will receive the recognition you so rightly deserve.

MRS. WILLIAM H. HOWELL
Stroudsburg

Capitalism at fault

Editor, The Record;

Concerned citizens keep hoping that if Nixon resigns or is impeached, that the next president will do better. That's hoping for the impossible, because no president and no reform politician of whatever label will attack the roots of what ails the country. They couldn't even if they wanted to.

Fact is we are hanging onto an obsolete economic system that simply cannot be reformed to serve the general welfare.

Just as making profits is the capitalists' business, so the business of politicians from the President down is to protect them in that pursuit. In fact, protecting and preserving the status quo is the main object of the existing government.

The American people have the moral and constitutional right to replace capitalism with an economy and administration that will serve their needs. This requires a revolutionary change as proclaimed by the Socialist Labor Party, a new economic foundation, a new kind of government.

Don't blame Nixon for the mess we're in. Capitalism is the cause.

NATHAN PRESSMAN
Ellenville, N.Y.

Markin time

If you are quick to take offense
And think the world is out of joint,
Then try to use more common sense
And try to raise your boiling point.

Luther Markin



EDUCATED SHEPHERD — Dale Blanch, assistant shepherd at the Pennsylvania State University, watches over some of the 300 sheep he tends.

Blanch holds a bachelor's degree in animal science and is an example of today's educated shepherd. (UPI Wirephoto)

Focus '73

Pa. environment clean-up falters

HARRISBURG (UPI) — Pennsylvania's environment continued to improve during 1973, but the government's commitment to clean it up and prevent further damage appears to have faltered severely.

From the governor's office, to the legislature, to the courts, the environmental movement and anti-pollution laws suffered one setback after another.

And the coming of the energy crisis threatens to wash out some of the environmental gains that were won in Pennsylvania during 1973 and in past years.

According to the Department of Environmental Resources, 180 miles of Pennsylvania waterways were improved during 1973, compared to 134 the year before.

Also, DER said, tests taken at 88 points throughout the state's major metropolitan areas showed that air quality is improving.

DER said 231 industries were ordered to clean up air pollution, and another 70 were pro-

secuted for not obeying DER's cleanup orders.

But the energy crisis was by far the most significant environmental development during 1973.

Shortages of fuel oil, natural gas and gasoline brought an environmental message to most American households: The nation's precious natural resources must not be wasted.

This positive effect, however, may be outweighed by demands and government actions to ease pollution control laws for autos and industries.

Pennsylvania already has been forced to allow Philadelphia Electric to burn dirtier fuel-oil and create more pollution because the utility's supply of low sulfur oil ran low.

President Nixon also wants the authority to order power plants to convert from oil to coal — even though it may result in more air pollution. Some of these plants are in eastern Pennsylvania.

The legislature in 1973 did little to add to the environ-

mental accolades it has won for laws passed during previous sessions.

There was little or no action on flood plain management, pesticides, environmental education, power plant siting, land use, recycling and solid waste management.

In fact, bills that would undermine the strong air and water pollution control laws enacted in past years were introduced in both the House and Senate.

The legislature and the governor's office combined to place fiscal handcuffs on DER that hampered its enforcement and regulation efforts.

DER Secretary Maurice Goddard said he needed \$59 million to run the department. The Shapp administration cut that to \$50.6 million and the legislature passed just about that amount.

Daniel J. Snyder, regional administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said the inadequate DER funding means Gov. Milton J. Shapp

and the legislature are shirking their environmental responsibilities.

In the Pennsylvania courts, the story was much the same.

The Constitution's "Environmental Bill of Rights" failed its first three tests, as courts refused to stop an oil pipeline, the Gettysburg Tower and the taking of land from a Wilkes-Barre park.

Leonard Green chairman of a citizens group that advises DER, said it has been a disheartening year for those who want to provide a clean, healthful environment for today and in years to come.

"This has definitely been the poorest year I can remember since the environmental movement began," Green said.

Discourages insurance buying

Disaster aid too generous

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal disaster relief is now so generous that it discourages homeowners and businessmen from buying insurance and encourages them to build in trouble-prone areas, a University of Pennsylvania economist said Wednesday.

In fact, some individuals have come out of recent natural disasters in far better financial shape than they were before, according to a study by Prof. Howard Kunreuther, who teaches management at Pennsylvania's Wharton School of finance and commerce.

In one extreme case, said Kunreuther, a motel owner in Fairbanks, Alaska, whose property suffered \$140,000 in damage during an August, 1967

flood, was able to borrow \$894,000 from the government at 3 per cent interest for a 30-year period. The conventional loan rate at the time was 7 per cent.

"It is no surprise to find residents of Anchorage and Fairbanks saying that the (1964) earthquake and flood are the two best things that have happened to Alaska in recent years," Kunreuther said.

After a 1971 California earthquake, many homeowners asked for federal funds to repair damage that was not even caused by the quake — and frequently got even more than they asked, Kunreuther said.

After 1972 floods caused by Tropical Storm Agnes, Congress passed laws that in effect gave \$5,000 free to victims and allowed them to borrow up to \$200,000 more at 1 per cent interest. The result was to swell total claims to almost \$2.6 billion this year — more than

the past six years put together. At the same time, Kunreuther said, Pennsylvania residents hit by the storm declined to buy readily available federal flood

insurance, and many rebuilt in flood-prone areas despite the fact other land was available.

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Ehrlichman hearing Jan. 14

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A pre-trial hearing in the case of John Ehrlichman and two other former White House aides charged with burglary in the Ellsberg psychiatrist break-in was set over Wednesday until Jan. 14.

Lawyers for Ehrlichman, G. Gordon Liddy and David Young agreed in a private session in chambers to permit the prosecution the added time in turning over to the defense a list of witnesses it intends to call.

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Gurney to stay on panel

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Edward Gurney, R-Fla., considered President Nixon's main backer on the Senate Watergate Committee, has no intention of resigning from the panel although he has stayed away from recent sessions, his administrative assistant said Wednesday.

The spokesman, Jim Allison Jr., did not dispute news reports that Gurney missed all of the last eight open committee hearings, but said the senator's absence was based more on schedule conflicts than any deliberate effort to avoid the hearings.

Gurney is involved in a Justice Department investigation of an alleged political fund established on his behalf by Florida builders in exchange for expected preferential treatment by the Federal Housing Administration. The eight meetings he missed occurred from Oct. 31 and Nov. 15, about the time Gurney acknowledged the slush fund investigation.

The Washington Post reported that Gurney has ceased to be an active, functioning member of the Watergate committee, and quoted sources who said the apparent explanation for Gurney's inaction was the federal investigation.

"We don't have much comment on that story," said Allison.

Allison said the senator missed the public sessions because of conflicting meetings of the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which he is a member. Judiciary, Allison said, was meeting often during the period on the confirmation of William O. Saxbe as attorney general.

Allison added that Gurney had made it "to some of the executive committee sessions" and has kept in touch with the Watergate investigation through his staff representative on the committee.

Cosmonauts end eight-day orbit

MOSCOW (UPI) — The two Soyuz-13 cosmonauts ended their eight-day earth orbit flight safely Wednesday, making a pinpoint landing despite high winds and a heavy snowstorm that caused anxious moments. They complained only of smudgy porpoises.

Western experts said the mission showed the Soyuz program had fully recovered from its 1971 disaster, in which three cosmonauts died, and was ready for the 1975 space linkup with an American Apollo craft.

Flight commander Pyotr Klimuk and engineer Valentin Lebedev, both 31 and both making their first space flight, floated to earth in their parachute-borne craft near Karaganda in Soviet Central

Nixon signs Israeli aid bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon Wednesday signed a \$2.2 billion emergency aid-to-Israel authorization bill.

The bill is the first of two pieces of aid legislation Congress sent the President last week before it adjourned. A \$5.8 billion aid appropriation containing emergency aid funds and \$385 million in other money for Israel remained on his desk.

The authorization bill, signed at the White House, gives Nixon authority to provide Israel up to \$1.5 billion in outright grants and \$700 million in credits for military equipment.

About \$1 billion of the money will be used to reimburse the Defense Department for arms already shipped to Israel.

The bill also stipulates the U.S. costs for the United Nations Emergency Forces in the Mideast should be paid from the \$2.2 billion. The U.S. assessment for the first year of UNEF operations is expected to total \$17.4 million.

Asia at 11:50 a.m. (3:50 a.m. est), the Tass news agency said.

The flight was three hours, five minutes short of eight days, making it the third longest Soviet manned flight since the program began in 1961.

"The flight of Soyuz-13 has been very successful. The crew is on the ground and feeling well," Maj. Gen. Vladimir A. Shatalov, the cosmonaut training director, said in a television interview. He said the landing came after anxious moments on the ground.

A snowstorm was raging, visibility was poor and high winds buffeted the craft on descent, he said.

The crew maintained radio contact during the landing and the craft was spotted immediately by helicopters, planes, and ground personnel in snow vehicles, Tass said. The agency said the Soyuz landed precisely on the spot where it was supposed to come down.

As Soyuz-13 descended, Klimuk told controllers: "The spaceship has begun to vibrate slightly, we have contacted the atmosphere. It's a pity we cannot see it—the porpoises have grown smudgy."

The crew made studies of the sun and stars and tended an onboard greenhouse during the flight.

Newspapers said the self-supporting ecological system is intended to feed cosmonauts on future interplanetary missions. They said the crew grew and "harvested" protein-producing micro-organisms.

The Soyuz-13 flight was exceeded in duration only by the 24-day flight of Soyuz-11 in 1971 and the 17-day mission of Soyuz-9 in 1970.

It was the first time the Soviet Union and the United States have had men in space simultaneously. The American Skylab-3 is on a planned 89-day mission.

Soyuz-13 was the second Soviet manned spaceflight in the last four months after a lapse of two years caused by the deaths of the Soyuz-11 cosmonauts.



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Just Between Us—

By Bobby Westbrook

And there wasn't a single "Ho-ho-ho" in the crowd yesterday. As a matter of fact, the shoppers exchanging sizes or buying Christmas wrap for next year looked a little glum. Even the weather had the sniffles.

Part of it may have been due to the let-down which routinely follows high expectations. But a lot of it was sheer exhaustion. Certainly my sleep-walking act wasn't due to disappointment; the holiday more than lived up to expectations.

Except for the trip down to Bevon when, with Route 22 hopelessly tied up trying to remove a tipped over tractor trailer, all traffic was detoured through places I haven't seen since the children were in high school and we carried carloads of them to games or music festivals: Northampton, Whitehall, and the rest.

Since this winding, two-lane road also coincided with the route being taken by last-minute shoppers at discount centers, an inchworm would have made better time.

However, I did get there in time to accompany the

VFW Auxiliary to aid police on bicycle safety

STROUDSBURG — The Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary will purchase bike safety reflectors to be used in the local Bike Safety Program, sponsored by the local police departments.

At the business meeting with President Evelyn Frederick presiding, donations were made to the Danville State Hospital, the Mayview State Hospital, and to the National Home maintenance fund.

The business meeting was sandwiched between a covered dish supper at the post home and the party with an exchange of gifts and Christmas carols.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 8.

children on their visit to a Secret Christmas Shop in one of the big stores in King of Prussia.

Armed with their carefully hoarded Christmas money, they were each given a shopping bag on which was staples their name, whom they were buying presents for, and the amount of money they had, and they vanished behind a door while we joined other parents to wait.

An hour later, they came out all smiles, with the presents wrapped and labeled, with the only problem persuading them we would rather wait until Christmas morning to open the presents.

"I hope you still do it," worried Jennifer, shaking my package so that all the little spoils of thread rattled suggestively. "Me, too," chimed in Pam, rattling a very similar package, apparently thinking that you can't have too much of a good thing.

Peter was much more confident about his present for me, which had very much the size and shape of a flashlight. Anyway the whole thing seemed like a very good idea, since the frustration of finding out that everything you want to buy for somebody costs more than you can afford is one that can't very well wait until we're adults.

But I also got a lot of other handsome presents from my small-fry friends, the more valuable since they'd made them themselves. A flourishing pineapple plant in a mug, a decoupage key ring with my name on it, a framed water color by a ten-year-old, a painted wooden ornament for my Christmas tree.

But then everyone got their hearts' desire on Christmas morning which is a very happy and unusual state of affairs. The only problem was trying to crowd into the remainder of Christmas day admiring all the toys, playing all the games, reading all the books, and having a Christmas dinner and still getting home in time to work a stint on Christmas night.



Mary Stockley Gouldin

Gouldin, Turner engagement

TAPPAHANNOCK, Va. — Mr. and Mrs. Moore Wright Gouldin of Tappahannock, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Stockley, to Daniel Hull Turner II of Farmville, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Turner of East Stroudsburg.

Miss Gouldin attends Longwood College.

Her fiancé is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University.

A summer wedding is planned.

Baby baptized at Mt. Pocono on weekend

MOUNT POCONO — Danielle Lynne Horne, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Horne of Aguoura, Calif., was baptized on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 23 in the United Methodist Church of Mount Pocono by Rev. Wooters.

Danielle wore a dress 65 years old which had been worn by her grandmother and handmade by her great grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Strong of Mount Pocono are the baby's godparents. Also attending the service were her brother, Eric Thomas, her grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Horn and her cousins, Elmer W. Strong Jr. and Kirk D. Strong.

After services, dinner was served to the immediate family by the godparents. Unable to attend were her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carter of Sun City, Calif.

Family Fare

with Bobby Westbrook

Enlist women, youth power to counter risk

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
NEW YORK (UPI) — If we're to reduce all the safety hazards in our technological society, we must get the whole country into action and at the grass roots level.

Among those concerned citizens who could be especially effective are women and youth, whether it's highway, home or industrial safety.

The new president of the National Safety Council (NSC) says that with the new year beginning, the council will make a concerted effort to reach these two special, powerful groups.

"We are trying to expand at the grass roots," said Vincent L. Tofany. "Already we've involved 59 women's groups. They say they reach about 50 million persons."

"Look at what women did to make SOS succeed, because they're directly involved."

Safety on highways

SOS is for Safety on the Streets, a campaign women, the victims of rapists and muggers, are pushing in big town, small town, village and anywhere else that crime affects them and their families directly.

Tofany, in an interview during a New York trip, said that what's needed in the area of safety is an aroused citizenry — "Look what happened when police was the great culprit. We got action."

Certainly, he continued, one area where the public exerted its full effect was the demand

for increased safety on our highways and the resulting Highway Safety Act. Public pressure showed too in many of the special safety features now being built into cars.

The consumer movement is another example of what an aroused citizenry can do, he said. "We found the concept of consumer protection quickly spreading beyond the narrow confines of retail commodities and credit safeguards to include such broader concerns as housing, education, ecology, transportation, civil rights, and — with all these factors — increased governmental regulation."

As for womanpower specifically, he cited the drive for enactment of the Equal Rights Amendment.

They finally pushed it through Congress after years of no action. The women then began through their various organizations to push for state ratification. The amendment still has eight states to go before it becomes a part of our constitution. But the supporters now are pressuring their state legislators for ratification.

The NSC president would like to see high school and college youth more active in the safety cause — "planting the seeds that'll carry through life."

"Youth are the users on the highway," he said. "They're taking to wheels in enormous numbers. The larger increase in youth means an increase in deaths."

"But you can't just go to youth and say these (vehicles) kill. You have to go with a positive approach... get them into the voluntary safety programs."



CHRISTMAS CRUISE — for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Pula, 765 Bryant St., Stroudsburg, on board the Queen Elizabeth II just before sailing from New York for the Caribbean Islands.

Steckel, Woodling engagement

WHITEHALL — Mr. and Mrs. Warren Steckel of Orchard Drive Estates, Whitehall, announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Lee, to Donald W. Woodling, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Woodling, Reiders.

Miss Steckel is a senior at East Stroudsburg State College.

Her fiancé is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School and is a biology teacher at Bensalem Twp. High School, Cornwall Heights.

A summer wedding is planned.

Calendar

Saturday, December 29
Free movies for children, grades 1 through 6, Barrett Friendly Library, Mountainhome, 3 p.m.

Thursday, January 3
Barrett Community Club, Country Inn, Mountainhome, 7 p.m.
Senior Citizens, CLU Club social rooms, 1:30 p.m.

Millions for canal
PANAMA CITY (UPI) — The Panama Canal was built by the United States at a cost of \$380 million from 1904 through 1914.

Christmas dance party for pupils

STROUDSBURG — The pupils of Miss Shirley's Studio of Dance, Stroudsburg, held their annual Christmas show and party at the Eagles Social Club, entertaining their parents, relatives and friends with Christmas songs and dances.

The new students were given the opportunity to appear on stage for the first time. At the end of the program, awards were presented. Certificates of achievement were given to students who have been enrolled for two years or more.

Trophies were also given for perfect attendance for half a year to Debbie Alexander, Colleen Lehman, Andrea Slock, Trina Mansfield, Jackie Carson, Stephanie Edinger, Michelle Repsher, Shannon Cobin, Gayle Moore, Sandy and Susan Post, Danielle Dailey, Michele Edinger, Donna Smith, Lorrie Sutton, Kerry Sutton, Marcia Arbott, Cindy Rose, Carol Richares, Andrea Varkony and Susan Sheeley.

Fall semester trophies for perfect attendance were given to Bobette Mosier, Jennifer and Jessica Miller and Claudine Dreibe. Full year's perfect attendance went to Paula Briganti, Karla Sue Lawler, Teri Falisi, Beverly Carmella, and Paula Batron.

Charms were presented to senior students, Dianne Brown and Janet Coco; and other trophies to Teri Falisi and Sheryl Heckman and Elaine Williamson.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Cootie Aux. on Christmas visit to veterans

STROUDSBURG — The Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary made a Christmas visit to the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital. The patients were given filled Christmas stockings, candy canes and cookies. Santa Claus presented the gifts to the 70 patients on the eighth and ninth floor.

The tenth floor patients were presented with Christmas cards and postage stamps.

Auxiliary members attending were President Edith, Transue, Hospital Chairman Joan Briggs, Grace Shook, Jean Campanella and Santa Claus, known during the rest of the year as Evelyn Frederick.

Transplant

BUSHKILL — Richard Chase who is in Albert Einstein Medical Center for his second kidney transplant would like to hear from his friends. He is in room 704, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Northern Division, York and Taylor Road, Philadelphia, 19141.

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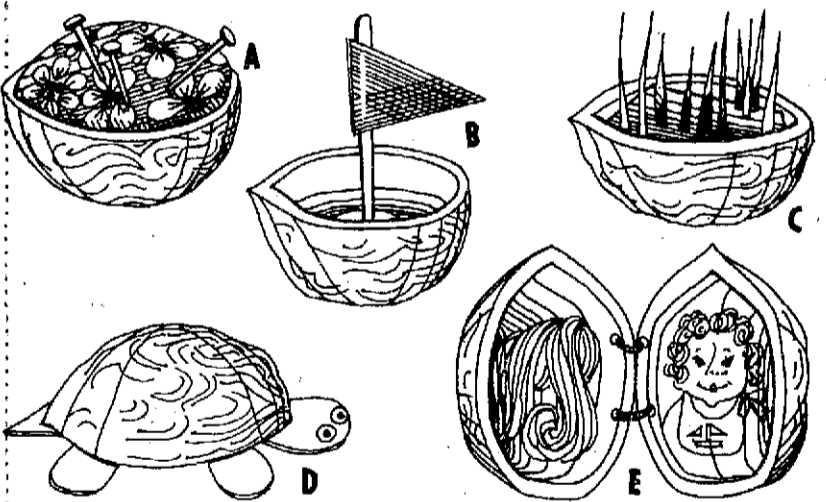
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Crafts in a nutshell



With the fog melting the ice and snow which would have taken the children outside to try their new skates and sleds, and the hard candy growing fuzzi from the Christmas stockings and furniture, maybe it's time to tackle the nuts which helped stuff the stockings.

If they're walnuts, eat the meat but save the shells to make some interesting rainy-day craft items.

Walnut shells are sturdy, have a beautiful outside texture and a shape that lends itself to hundreds of ideas. Here are six projects to get you started on nutty crafts.

A nutcracker will not insure a perfectly split shell. To separate the two shell halves pierce the center of the blunt end of the shell on the seam with a pointed knife. Twist firmly. Some shells may need additional prying along the entire seam. If the shells resist separation, soak them in warm water for fifteen minutes before you proceed.

Remove all of the veins inside the shells. You might want to finish off the inside with fine sandpaper.

Paint, stain, or dye the shells before you start on your craft projects.

Mini pincushion

Here is a handy addition to a traveler's sewing kit. Cut a 4-inch square of scrap fabric.

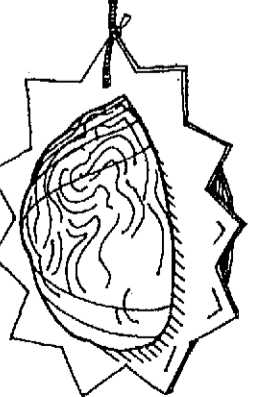
Place a rounded tablespoon of table salt in the center of the wrong side of the fabric. Gather the fabric's corners together so the salt is shaped into a tight ball in the fabric. Tie an elastic band tightly around the gathered fabric. Trim the excess fabric close to the elastic band. Add glue to the inside of the shell and wedge the pin cushion securely in place.

Sail boats
Make a fleet of scaworthy ships for your little sailor by placing a wad of play clay or a similar substitute, such as putty, inside walnut shell halves. Insert a toothpick, blunt end out. Glue on a construction paper sail.

Indoor garden
Children love to create their own gardens. They can grow miniature plants in walnut shells. Cut small pieces of sponge to fit inside the shell halves. Sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon of grass seed. Place the shells on a windowsill. Sprinkle them with a few drops of water every day and watch the garden grow in less than a week.

Play turtles
These turtles never need to be fed. Glue a piece of green construction paper over the mouth of the shell. Trim away excess paper. Glue on a paper head, four legs, and a pointed tail.

Photo shadowbox
Grandma will love this photo case for a head shot of her favorite grandchild. Dad might enjoy one for his office desk too. To attach two shells together, use glue for a permanent standing case. For a case that closes drill holes into the sides of the shells and fasten with wire. Glue a photo in one shell and a lock of hair, a drawing or a mini note in the other shell.



In there a craft project you'd like to know more about? Send your suggestion to The Leisure Craftsman, care of this newspaper. Letters cannot be answered personally but suggestions of general interest will appear in this column.

How children catch colds and how to cope

NEW YORK — The average child between five and 15 has three to eight colds a year. Sixty-seven per cent of all school absences are due to some form of this "minor illness."

Though there is still a great deal to be learned, says Elizabeth Barnett in a pamphlet, "What to Do About Children's Colds and Sore Throats," published by the Children's Hospital Medical Center, Boston, the following factors seem to influence the number of colds a child has:

— Exposure to persons with colds. Since colds are highly contagious, this is the major contributing factor. Practically unavoidable, colds are part of life, of growing up.

— Size of the family. Small children with brothers and sisters in school who bring home infections with them tend to get more colds during their early years than do those who are first or only children.

— Becoming chilled. The role of chilling is not clear. Chilling may lower resistance to cold viruses, but does not itself cause the cold.

— Overheated rooms and dry air. If, during winter months, the air in an apartment or house is too hot and dry, the mucous membranes of the nose dry out and resistance to germs may be lowered.

"Treating a cold consists mainly of making your sick child more comfortable and taking steps to reduce the chance that complications will develop," says Ms. Barnett.

If possible, keep the child with a cold out of school and away from other children, she advises. However, he does not have to stay in bed. Most children are more comfortable and contented sitting up, or playing quietly. Make certain that he's warm, but don't overdress him. Aspirin in proper dosage will help to bring down fever, and nose drops may be given following consultation with the doctor.

According to the 1972 National Therapeutic Disease Index, Neo-Synephrine is the nasal decongestant most often recommended by doctors. It is available in appropriate strengths for infants and children.



Easy to make

Fruitcake squares

By BARBARA GIBBONS
Here's a holiday dessert even dieters can enjoy... our Slim Gourmet brandied fruitcake squares!

"This delightful easy-do 'fruitcake' has an amiably moist brandy-soaked taste and texture, without the brandy calories. The alcohol evaporates as it bakes, leaving only the tipsy flavor!"

Instead of sugared, preserved fruit, we make our dieter's dessert with canned fruit cocktail, the kind that contains no added sugar. Juice-packed fruit cocktail is only 260 calories per 16-ounce can, compared with 400 calories or more for fruit canned in fattening syrup.

The base for this dessert is graham cracker crumbs — the packaged kind that are already crushed. Or, make your own crumbs from whole graham crackers. The easiest way is to put the crackers in your covered blender container a few at a time, and

blend on high speed until you have enough. Graham crackers also can be placed in a plastic bag and crushed into crumbs with a rolling pin. However, this is much more time-consuming, because the crumbs must be rolled very fine to be used as a cake batter. Packaged crumbs are about 330 calories.

To sweeten our cake we use a combination of honey and low-calorie sugar substitute. We prefer the granulated type for this recipe, but any type can be used (check the label for equivalent).

If you are preparing your own graham cracker crumbs from honey-flavored graham crackers, omit the honey called for in the recipe. This dessert contains no added sugar, flour or fat.

Brandied fruitcake squares
1 egg, separated
1 and one-third cup packaged graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons granulated sugar substitute
2 tablespoons plain brandy
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1/2 teaspoon bottled orange rind (optional)
3/4 teaspoon baking powder

blend on high speed until you have enough. Graham crackers also can be placed in a plastic bag and crushed into crumbs with a rolling pin. However, this is much more time-consuming, because the crumbs must be rolled very fine to be used as a cake batter. Packaged crumbs are about 330 calories.

To sweeten our cake we use a combination of honey and low-calorie sugar substitute. We prefer the granulated type for this recipe, but any type can be used (check the label for equivalent).

If you are preparing your own graham cracker crumbs from honey-flavored graham crackers, omit the honey called for in the recipe. This dessert contains no added sugar, flour or fat.

Brandied fruitcake squares
1 egg, separated
1 and one-third cup packaged graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons granulated sugar substitute
2 tablespoons plain brandy
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1/2 teaspoon bottled orange rind (optional)
3/4 teaspoon baking powder

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TV highlights

ABC preempts "Toma" at 8 p.m. for a special, "Crisis of the Presidency," a report on the current state of the Nixon administration.

Flip Wilson's guests on his NBC hour at 8 are Anthony Newley, Jack Klugman and Roscoe Lee.

"The Waltons" on CBS at 8 repeats "The Minstrel," in which Mary Ellen threatens to run away.

NBC's "Ironside" at 9 repeats "A Game of Showdown," in which Ironside decides to teach an unscrupulous gambler a lesson.

"The Chalice" is repeated on ABC's "Kung Fu" at 9. Caine is in jeopardy while carrying out a promise to a priest to recover a stolen chalice.

"The Streets of San Francisco" on ABC at 10 repeats "Betrayed," in which a woman in love is exploited into setting up a bank robbery.

"Sammy Davis Starring in NBC Follies" at 10 features the star's wife, Altovise, Petula Clark, Vince Edwards, Peter Lawford and Mickey Rooney.

"ABC Wide World of Entertainment" at 11:30 repeats "Comedy Concert," with Slappy White, Jackie Vernon, Carl Ballantine, Pat Paulsen, Stanley Myron Handelman, Leonard Barr and Andrew Johnson.

Today's movies

1:00 (5) "Sons of the Desert" — Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

3:00 (9) "Ghost Driver" — James Craig, Audrey Totter.

4:00 (9) "The Spanish Main" — Maureen O'Hara.

(10) "Imitation of Life" — Lana Turner, John Gavin, Sandra Dee.

4:30 (4) "Quest For Love" — Joan Collins, Tom Bell.

(7) "The Buccaneer" — Part II Yul Brynner, Charlton Heston, Claire Bloom.

8:00 (9) "The Wreck of the Mary Deare" — Gary Cooper, Charlton Heston, Michael Redgrave.

9:00 (2)10 "Oklahoma" — Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones, Eddie Albert.

(17) "The Naked Maja" — Ava Gardner, Anthony Franciosa.

11:30 (5) "Johnny Belinda" — Jane Wyman, Charles Bickford, Lew Ayres.

(9) "Four Men and a Prayer" — Loretta Young, David Niven.

(17) "Target For a Killing" — Stewart Granger, Curt Jurgens.

Channel 39 presents

3:00— Woman

3:30— Magic Window

4:00— Sesame Street

5:00— Misterogers' Neighborhood

5:30— Electric Company

6:00— Sesame Street

7:00— Hodgepodge Lodge — "Chalk"

7:30— Antiques — "Early Kitchenware"

8:00— Behind the Lines — "Media Review"

9:00— The Men Who Made the Movies — "King Vidor"

10:00— 18th Century Christmas Party — "Christmas 1783"

10:30— War and Peace — "Episode Six"

12:00— Sign Off

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Crossword By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1. Thick slice

5. Distant

8. Trail

12. Leander loved her

13. Before

14. Indian

15. Remove errors

17. English philosopher

18. Club

19. Dozed

21. Counter-irritant

24. Nimbus

25. Abba

26. Month

30. Goddess of dawn

31. Small vessels

32. Crude metal

33. Comments freely

35. Fish

36. Exclamation

37. Indian pole

DOWN

1. Haggard novel

2. It landed on the moon

3. Exist

4. Candy

5. Exploit

6. Skill

7. Performs again

8. Ornamental ball

9. Above

10. Ripped

11. Listen

16. Actor: Dailey

20. Pub specialties

21. Origin

22. Central American tree

23. News agency

24. Warm up

26. Contribution

27. Athletic contest

28. Sea eagle

29. Quantity of paper

31. Bundle

34. Gay dance

35. Type of drum

37. Decimal base

38. Asiatic plant

39. Verbal

40. Actress: Hayworth

41. Distribute

44. Payable

45. Nigerian

46. Haul

47. Affirmative

Average time of solution: 22 min.

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SNUB ARK ACID
TAILOR ANGELS
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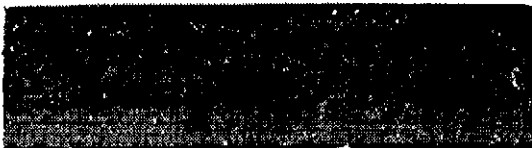
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals M



6:00— 2-3-4-6-7-10-16-28 News

5 Flintstones

9 Wild West

11 I Dream of Jeannie

17 Untouchables

6:30— 3-4-6-7-10-28 News

5 Andy Griffith

11 Beat The Clock

12 Chinese Cooking

7:00— 2-7-10 News

3 What's My Line

5 I Love Lucy

6 To Tell The Truth

9 Lucy

11 Phil Silvers

12 Take 12

17 Bonanza

28 Wait 'til Your Father Gets Home

7:30— 2 Jonathan Winters

3 News Yesterday

4-6-28 Hollywood Squares

5 Bewitched

7 Animal World

9 Bowling

10 Great Mysteries

12 Jane Moore Interviews

16 To Tell The Truth

8:00— 2-10 The Waltons

3-4-28 Flip Wilson

5 That Girl

6-7-16 Crisis of the Presidency

9 Movie

11 To Tell The Truth

12 Behind the Lines

17 Lands and Seas

8:30— 5 Merv Griffin

11 Dragnet

9:00— 2-10 Movie

3-4-28 Ironside

6-7-16 Kung Fu

11 Bonanza

12 Men Who Made Movies

17 Movie

9:30— 9 Cardinal Cooke

11 Dragnet

10:00— 3-4-28 NBC Follies

5 News

6-7-16 Street of San Francisco

9 Bowling

11 News

12 Conflicts

10:30— 9 News

11 News

11:00— 3-4-28 News

5 Hogan's Heroes

9 Dead or Alive

11 Perry Mason

17 Alfred Hitchcock

11:30— 2-5-10-17 Movies

3-4-28 Johnny Carson

6-7-16 Entertainment 9 Movie

12:00— 11 Twilight Zone

12:30— 2-10 Movie

11 News

12:50— 11 Edgar Wallace

1:00— 3-4 Tomorrow

6 Perspective

7 Movie

1:20— 9 Joe Franklin

Your Horoscope

Frances Drake



ARIES (March 21 to April 20) — After some early morning confusion, day should turn out to be surprisingly productive. You also stand to gain financially.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 21) — You may not have the incentive to try and accomplish the extraordinary now, but a bit of extra thought given to the future could completely change your perspective — and stimulate your ambitions anew.

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) — If a financial transaction is up for consideration, and you have subconscious doubts, it would be better to postpone action. There COULD be something to those hunches of yours.

CANCER (June 22 to July 23) — You may be quite certain in your mind as to exactly how you intend to handle things, but it wouldn't hurt to get another's viewpoint. Some interesting new concepts could result.

LEO (July 24 to August 23) — Not a day for forcing issues or deliberately bringing up controversial subjects. Roll with the punches for the time being.

VIRGO (August 24 to September 23) — Strong indications of gain through past efforts. A good period, too, for launching new enterprises. Study all suggestions carefully, however.

LIBRA (September 24 to October 23) — No matter what activities — regular or extra-curricular — you planned for this day, you may have to mark time until others are ready, but don't chafe; use the time for reevaluating.

SCORPIO (October 24 to November 22) — Some intrigue about. Don't become involved.

Concentrate on your own objectives and you won't have time to get into dubious activities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 to December 21) — A problem now may be handling activities smoothly, without ruffling tempers or leaving yourself open to misinterpretation. But the Sagittarian's innate diplomacy should help you to cope.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20) — Stars promise interesting developments and growth in areas that should stimulate your ambitions — and your ever active mind.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19) — A better day for completing pending projects than for beginning new ones. Make plans for the latter, but don't launch until early next week.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20) — Watch finances, but don't become overly anxious about them. Just make up your mind to pursue a conservative and realistic course.

YOU BORN TODAY are endowed with a fine intellect; are studious and creative in your learnings. You are strongly attracted to science and could make a brilliant success in almost any one of its branches. You do not always get as much joy out of life as you could because of a tendency to live within yourself. Try to be more outgoing since this introspection can lead to moodiness and depression — moods which keep you from doing your best. You have many talents. Besides science, your best fields are music, writing, education and the law. Birthdate of: Johann Kepler, astronomer; Louis Pasteur, chemist.

Contract Bridge

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Control

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 8 5

♥ Q 10 9 4

♦ A J

♣ A J 10 6

WEST

♠ A K 6 3

♥ 7 2

♦ K 8 6 5 3

♣ 8 4

EAST

♠ 2

♥ 5 3

♦ Q 9 4 2

♣ K Q 9 7 5 2

SOUTH

♠ Q J 10 7 4

♥ A K J 8 6

♦ 10 7

♣ 3

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.

It is not possible for two individuals to always work together perfectly, as can readily be seen by observing a three-legged race. But, granted that the defenders do not see each other's cards and hence cannot always capitalize fully on their assets, it is nonetheless true that the great majority of defensive blunders can be avoided by proper reasoning.

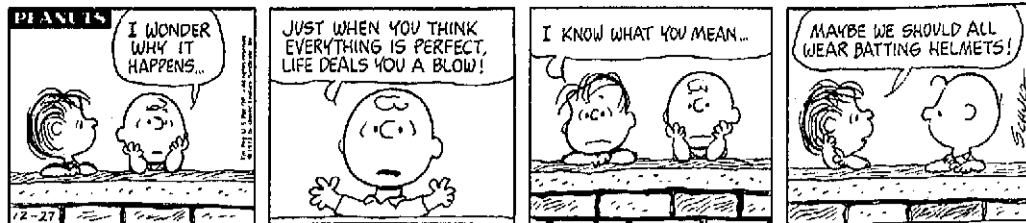
Consider this deal, where

West got off on the right foot when he led the king of spades. East played the deuce, but it was easy for West to read from the bidding, that the deuce was a singleton.

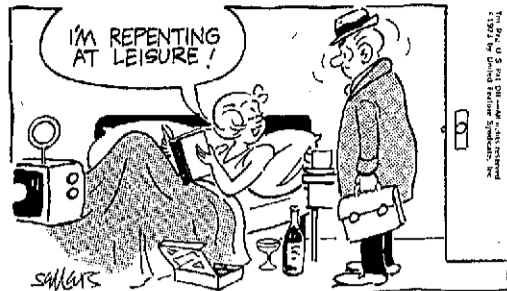
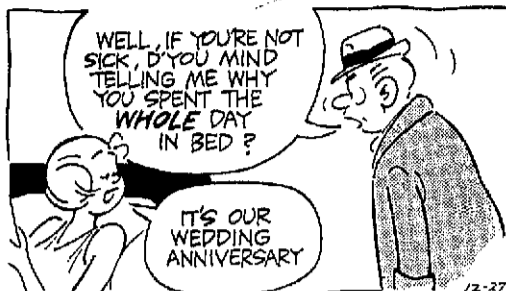
So West continued with the ace and another spade, which was ruffed by East. However, that proved to be the end of the party. Declarer won the trump return, played another trump, discarded the jack of diamonds from dummy on the queen of spades, and so made the rest of the tricks.

West should have led a low spade at trick two, not the ace. By doing so he would have maintained partial control over spades. Instead of relinquishing all control by cashing the ace. Even without studying the matter deeply, West could have realized that it must be better for the defenders to get a spade ruff and remain in control than to get a spade ruff and give up control.

East would have ruffed the low spade return at trick two and presumably would have returned a low diamond, thus putting an end to declarer's hopes. On the suggested line of play East-West would have scored the A-K of spades, a spade ruff and a high diamond to put the contract down one.



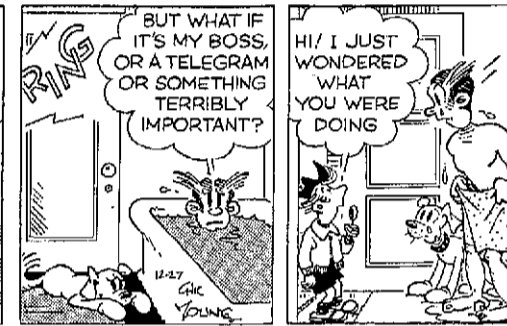
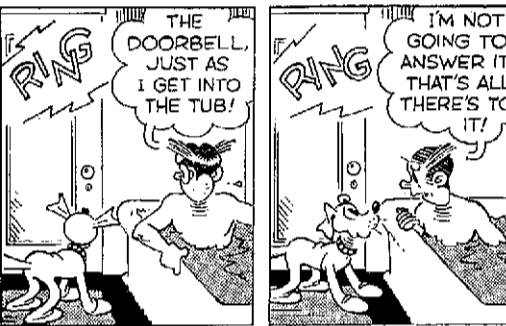
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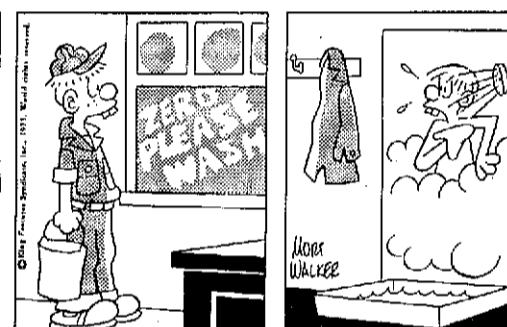
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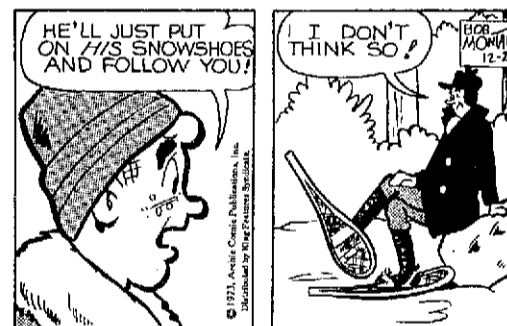
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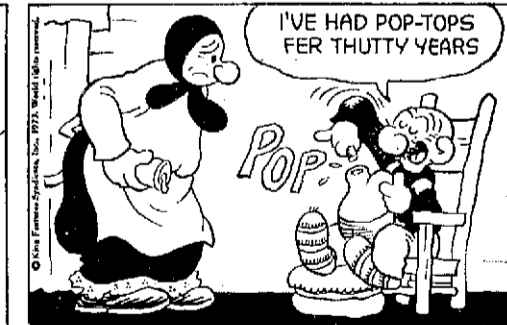
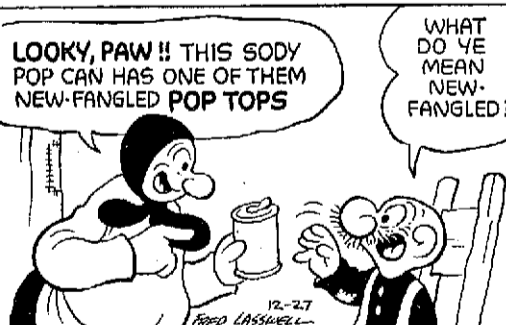
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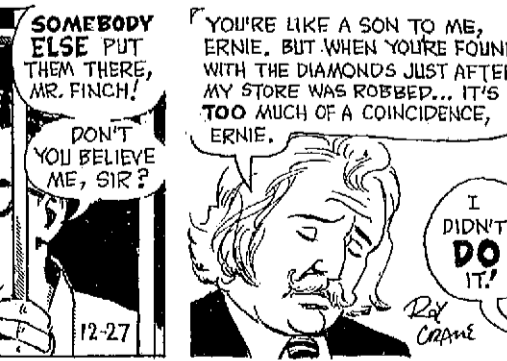
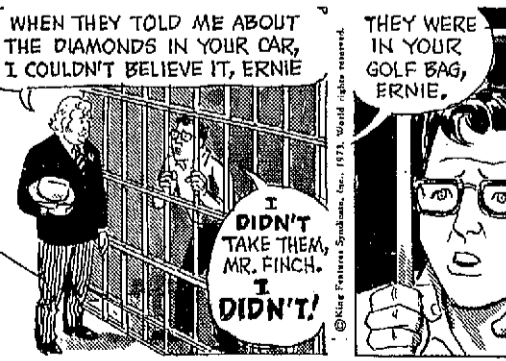
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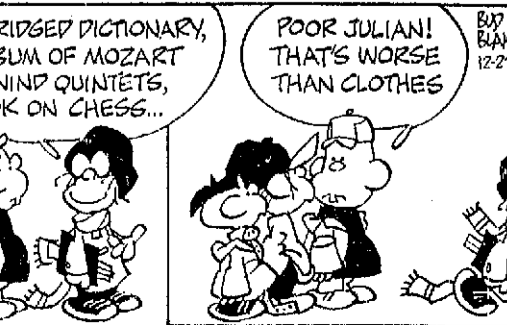
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Billy Graham on Watergate: 'Nixon can survive, if . . .'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Evangelist Billy Graham says that "if another bomb explodes," President Nixon will be in "serious trouble."

"I think that if no other bomb explodes he might well survive," Graham said in a lengthy interview on Watergate and other matters. "He still has time to recover a great deal of lost credibility in his remaining three years. If another bomb explodes he is in serious trouble."

Graham was interviewed by the staff of Christianity Today, a biweekly evangelical publication, last Sunday after he spoke at a White House worship service. It was his first lengthy statement about Nixon and Watergate.

Excerpted questions and answers:

Q. Do you think Watergate and its related events were illegal and unethical?

A. Absolutely. I can make no excuses for Watergate. The actual break-in was a criminal act, and some of the things that surround Watergate, too, were not only unethical but criminal. I condemn it and I deplore it. It has hurt America.

Q. Some of our evangelical friends wonder why you don't go into the White House like a Nathan and censure the President publicly in these services. What's your response? (Nathan was the prophet who confronted David after his affair with Bathsheba.)

A. Let's remember that I am not a "Nathan." David was the leader of "the people of God," and it was a totally different situation than today's secularistic America. A better comparison would be with ancient Rome and Paul's relationship with Caesar. Also, when a pastor has in his congregation a mayor or a governor who may be in some difficulty, he doesn't point this man out publicly from the pulpit. He tries to encourage and help him and to lead him. Perhaps in private he will advise him on the moral and spiritual implications of the situation, but I don't think the average clergyman in the pulpit would take advantage of such a situation and point to this man and say publicly, "You ought to do this and so."

Let's also remember that in America a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty. As far as I know, the President

has not been formally charged with a crime. Mistakes and blunders have been made. Some of them involved moral and ethical questions, but at this point if I have anything to say to the President it will be in private.

Q. What kind of a man is Nixon, really? Most people think that he is a loner and isolated, that people don't see the real Nixon.

A. This is probably true of every President. We probably know more about our President today than any other generation in history, because of the mass media. This may be one of the problems. All Presidents make serious blunders and mistakes. Yet a mistake made by any President today is far bigger than a mistake made, let's say, by President Coolidge. Today, a mistake is beamed by television, radio, and the printed page to the entire world in a matter of minutes.

We need to remember two things. No. 1 is that most of us deal with imaginary power. We think what we would do if we were President. But nothing becomes of our imaginary decisions. Yet the instant electronic media make us all feel as if we are a part of the decision-making process. When the President makes a decision, numbers of people are involved. He tries to get the best advice he can, just as we try to get the best doctors we can if we are sick, or the best surgeons if we need an operation. Now, I would not go into an operating room and presume to point out to a surgeon what he should cut out or how he should proceed. In fact, I would be scared to death in an operating room for fear I might bump into his elbow. I have felt this when I have been around Presidents. The decisions they make are so involved and affect so many people and are so often on matters that involve the highest degree of skill that I would not presume to speak on many matters that people think that I have spoken of with the President.

The second thing to remember is that President Nixon or any President is only a human being. He is infinite, and no President I have ever met considered himself really big enough for the job, especially after the first year. . . . All of this tends to drive a President

into some isolationism in order to live with himself, think a little, read a little, and spend some time with his family. However, I have to speak about the Nixon I knew before he became President.

To me, he was always a warm and gracious person with a great sense of humor. He was always thoughtful. Sometimes I have been with him when he was preoccupied, but I never had the impression that he was cold or diffident. Of course, other people know him better than I do and have known him in a different way. For example, some people have accused him of using profanity, but the strongest word I have heard from him is "hell," and that only on a few occasions. But you know people act differently around clergymen than they do other friends.

I have always admired Nixon's close family life. I admire his love for his mother, his wife, and their daughters. I admire his tremendous passion for "peace," which I think came partly from his Quaker background. I also admire his personal discipline. I've known few men that live such a disciplined life. He once told me that the reason he gave up golf was that there were too many books to read, and too many interesting conversations to hold. He said, "I may never be elected President but I'm going to continue preparing myself."

That brings up another interesting point. During 1967 and early 1968 he really did not want to run for President. He almost decided not to. He was actually afraid that what is happening now would happen to him. I think his running for President came partially as a result of ambition but mostly as a result of sheer patriotism. He really felt he could make a contribution not only to America but to the world, especially foreign affairs. He seemed to feel the mid-70s would be very dangerous for America and the world.

Q. Do you think that President Nixon will resign or be impeached?

A. I do not know. I think that if no other bomb explodes he might well survive. He still has time to recover a great deal of lost credibility in his remaining three years. If another bomb

explodes he is in serious trouble.

Q. So that while a lot of people think you are the President's pastor, neither by his word nor by actual time spent with him is that a justifiable statement.

A. I have been more a personal family friend than a pastor. I actually met Mr. Nixon 23 years ago through his father and mother. They had attended my meetings in southern California. When a friend is down, you don't go and kick him — you try to help him up. I have a personal high regard for the President. I think many of his judgments have been very poor, especially in the selection of certain people, or the people who selected others for him. I think there's a difference between doing the wrong thing and being wrong. For a person to err in his judgments is not wrong, or not sin. I also think there is a difference between judgment and integrity. Until there is more proof to the contrary I have confidence in the President's integrity—but some of his judgments have been wrong and I just don't agree with them.

Q. What is your reaction to Nixon's disclosure of his charitable giving for the past few years?

A. I must say I was surprised at the small amount he reported giving to charities in relation to his total income, but there may be some other explanation in that his finances

and contributions were left to other people. I believe that every Christian should give 10 per cent of his income to the church or charity, and above that if the Lord so prospers him.

Q. From what has been revealed about the way that his estates in California and Florida were acquired, for example, and the way federal tax money was spent in upgrading them, do you think Nixon has been ill served by those who were handling his finances so that they do appear questionable? What of the way he stretched the claiming of deductions? Hasn't the President set a poor example?

A. I think that is right. He had some very bad advice. The General Accounting Office said "too casual an attitude prevailed." Apparently that was right. I know that I told the

people who handle my own tax affairs to always pay the tax if there's any question. I think this ought to be the attitude of all taxpayers, but especially one in such a sensitive office. And this is why I believe he didn't know. I think he left his finances to other people and rarely went into them himself.

However, we have to realize that after the assassination of President Kennedy the Secret Service became terribly sensitive. I've been out to San Clemente and seen their operation out there. The landscaping was done after the Secret Service tore up the yard and put in their wires and cables. I read recently that it cost the government \$300,000 for President Kennedy to go see a cup race in New England one afternoon. We have read that it cost \$400 million to bury President Kennedy.

Let's don't put all the blame on President Nixon. Though it seems to me some of these expenses probably should have been called personal, but again they apparently were handled by lawyers, friends, and government officials. It's the "system" that has developed. Wherever he goes, the world's

most powerful office travels with him and all of its trappings. Whether this is right or wrong is something the Congress should decide. But this system has been developing for a number of years. I think we should put these matters in perspective with other Presidents.

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Energy crisis wiping out environmentalists' gains

By ROBERT F. BUCKHORN
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The energy crisis is threatening to stall, if not stop, the environmental movement even before it has gained any appreciable momentum.

One after another, hard-won gains of environmentalists are being gutted, or shunted aside, ecologists claim. The record tends to support their argument:

—The Alaska pipeline has been given the go-ahead.

—The Interior Department is reported ready to allow more oil drilling in the Santa Barbara, Calif., channel, site of one of the nation's more dramatic examples of the damage caused by an oil spill.

—In Congress, the fight for cleaner air has lost ground, as witness swift movement of legislation giving automakers an additional year's delay in meeting auto emission standards.

—Since coal is more plentiful than oil, the government is allowing plants to convert to coal from oil or delay planned conversions to oil, meaning the air will be dirtier.

—Strip mining, a glaring example of land exploitation, is now getting support as the quickest, best way to expand coal production and ease the oil shortage.

—The concept of a superport for oil tankers, carrying with it the threat of giant oil spills, is winning new congressional support as a necessity if the oil shortage is to be solved.

The need for changes is not argued by environmentalists; the matter of degree is. The National Clean Air Coalition, which includes such environmentalist groups as the Sierra Club and the National Wildlife Association, say some industries are using the energy crisis to obtain from the government gains they could

not get in normal times.

The energy emergency bill designed to give President Nixon sweeping powers to handle the energy crisis is described as "a public disgrace" by the coalition. It says energy industries supported the bill because it would benefit "their own selfish purposes."

Industry denies charges, said Frank N. Ikard, president of the American Petroleum Institute, a trade organization representing the major oil producers: "If we are ever going to get out of this mess, we are going to have to make some hard decisions—decisions affecting land use, exploration, research areas, location of refineries, environmental protection, and allocation of our resources."

Ikard ridiculed the idea that there was "some sinister plot among oil and gas men to slip into the White House and steal the public purse."

'Waiting for proof'

Heart epidemic looming

LONDON (UPI) — British doctors who believe heart disease is "potentially the greatest epidemic man has faced" have called on the medical profession to use knowledge already at hand to prevent the condition, rather than simply to treat it.

They say too many doctors are waiting for "complete proof" of what causes heart attacks though this may never be forthcoming and recent research has identified certain "risk factors" which can be treated right now.

There is a "strong probability," write Dr. Richard Turner of Western General Hospital in Edinburgh and Dr. Keith Ball of Central Middlesex Hospital in London, that these risk factors are the ones responsible for heart trouble in any event.

"The seeds of coronary heart disease (CHD) are sown before the age of 20 when habits of eating, exercise and smoking are formed, so that prevention must start in youth," they said. "Effective prevention depends on changing our medical philosophy to one of seeking out

those people at risk and not of waiting for symptoms to develop."

Noting grimly that the first manifestation of CHD is often sudden death, the doctors gave this list of risk factors:

Family history—a strong family history of high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, sudden death, stroke or diabetes may be due either to inherited factors of a common environment and should be an incentive for preventive advice and action.

Diet—"We believe there are strong grounds for modifying diet in high risk individuals (i.e. those with high cholesterol). We find that most men will accept cholesterol-lowering diets, which have in recent years become much more acceptable through modern food processing."

Obesity—Insurance statistics show that obesity is adverse to health mainly from cardiovascular (heart) and cerebrovascular (brain) disease and life expectancy improves with its reduction.

Hypertension—There is a

close relationship between the severity of hypertension (high blood pressure) and the risk of developing CHD.

Smoking—There is now strong epidemiological evidence relating smoking to CHD. In Britain about 52,000 people die each year as the result of cigarette smoking and about half of these deaths are due to cardiovascular disease. Not only does smoking increase the risk of developing myocardial infarction (heart block) but it greatly increases the likelihood of sudden death.

Sudden death seems to be rare in nonsmokers.

Exercise—In man's evolution a sedentary life is unnatural and of recent development. Few now take regular exercise after leaving school, fewer after marriage and fewer still after the first child is born.

The doctors listed stress and emotion as other contributors to heart disease. They recommended screening of as many people as possible, to get them to stop smoking, to diet if overweight, to take regular exercise and to undergo treatment for hypertension or stress.

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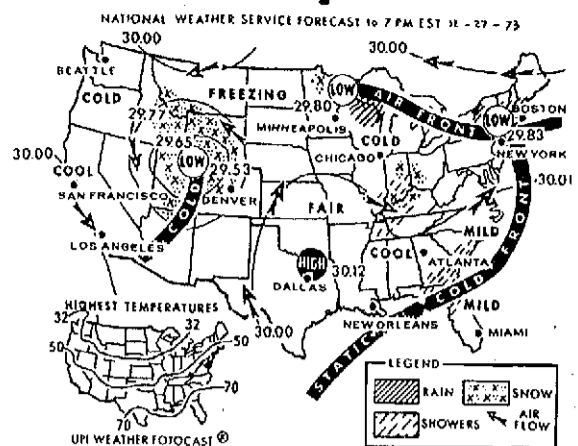
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Fred Miller
EASTON — Fred Miller, 61, of 112 Center St., Nazareth, died Wednesday morning in Easton Hospital. He was the husband of Gladys Miller, at home.
He was co-owner of the Miller's Paint and Wallpaper stores in Stroudsburg and Bangor.
In addition to his widow, he is survived by four sons, Rodney, Wilson, Duane, and Dale, East Stroudsburg; his mother, Mrs. Mable Miller of Pen Argyl; two brothers, Ralph, Pen Argyl, and George, Stroudsburg; and 11 grandchildren.
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday from the Hough Funeral Home in Bangor with Rev. Robert Meeley officiating.
Burial will be in Plainfield Cemetery.
Viewing will be 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.
Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Weather pattern



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Periods of rain or drizzle and some fog, ending this morning. Highs today in the upper 40s to low 50s. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Lows tonight in the mid 20s to mid 30s. Highs Friday in the 40s to low 50s. Probability of precipitation 40 per cent today and tonight.

ATLANTIC CITY
Occasional rain or drizzle and some patchy fog ending this morning. High today in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Low tonight in the 30s. High Friday in the low to mid 50s. Probability of precipitation 40 per cent today and tonight.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES			
1 a.m.	39	1 p.m.	44
2 a.m.	39	2 p.m.	44
3 a.m.	39	3 p.m.	44
4 a.m.	39	4 p.m.	44
5 a.m.	38	5 p.m.	42
6 a.m.	38	6 p.m.	42
7 a.m.	38	7 p.m.	41
8 a.m.	37	8 p.m.	41
9 a.m.	37	9 p.m.	40
10 a.m.	37	10 p.m.	39
11 a.m.	42	11 p.m.	39
12 p.m.	43	12 a.m.	38

Insurance dividends up for vets

PHILADELPHIA — About 234,000 Pennsylvania veterans of World Wars I and II will share in a record windfall of \$17,180,000 in Government Life insurance dividends during 1974, providing certain policies are still in force.
S. W. Melidonian, director of the Veterans Administration Center in Philadelphia, where most GI insurance records are maintained, said that the dividend is payable to those veterans who have continued to keep in force their insurance policies which are identified by the prefix letters "K" (USGLI — World War I) and "V" (NSLI — World War II) on policy numbers.
Dividends will be paid on the anniversary dates of the policy as was done last year, Melidonian said.
Pennsylvania's total dividend is part of the nation's total GI insurance dividend of \$303.8 million to be paid in 1974 to 3.9 million veterans.
The 1974 total dividend is \$6.8 million more than was paid out nationally in 1973.
Melidonian said that the NSLI dividend amount to Pennsylvania's 227,217 insured veterans will total \$16,026,000, and those policy holders will receive an average of \$71 each.
The state's 6,832 World War I insured (USGLI) veterans will receive \$1,154,000, or an average of \$169 each.
The dividend amount for individuals is determined by the plan of insurance, amount of policy, age of the insured and the age of the policy.
Amounts may vary from a few dollars to several hundreds of dollars, Melidonian explained.

All aliens urged to report address

PHILADELPHIA — Bertram M. Bernard, district director of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, said Wednesday that the period within which aliens must report their addresses is almost at hand.
The month of January has been established by law for the address reporting period. All aliens in the United States, with certain specific exceptions, must report their addresses to the government during that period.
Forms for use in making the reports are available at all United States Post Offices. Cards may also be obtained at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, located at 128 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, 19102.
It is an easy matter, Bernard said, to fill out one of the cards and, after placing a postage stamp on the reverse side, to mail it to the preprinted address.
Bernard added that trained personnel are always on hand in the Immigration and Naturalization Service office to answer any questions which the aliens may have regarding immigration and citizenship matters. The telephone number is (215) 597-7312. This service is not available in the post offices.
The district director urged all aliens to comply promptly with the reporting requirements. He said a willful failure to do so could lead to serious consequences.
In another matter, Bernard said the issuance of a Social Security Account Card to an alien is not evidence of permission from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to work in the United States.
Only those aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (immigrants) and those aliens temporarily in the United States (nonimmigrants) who have been authorized by the service to take employment may work in this country.
Any other aliens who engage in employment do so in violation of the immigration laws and may be subject to certain penalties, he said.
Employers who employ aliens and either know or, by reasonable inquiry, could have learned that aliens working in their employ were violating their nonimmigrant status by working, may also be subject to penalties under regulations of the Department of Labor.
Any alien or employer of aliens having questions about the employment of aliens should consult with the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Civil service opens government careers

HARRISBURG — State government careers in administration, social services, education and the natural sciences are open to those who qualify on the state civil service examination.
The annual salaries for the jobs range from \$9,174 to \$12,694, according to Richard Rosenberry, civil service director.
The exam is open to college graduates and college seniors who will graduate before Sept. 1, 1974, and persons with equivalent experience. Candidates are asked to request copies of the current examination announcement before submitting an application.
The careers examination is now being given daily by appointment at civil service offices in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and periodically at other test centers throughout the state.
Applications to fill vacancies in four levels of photographic specialty work will be accepted until June 7, 1974 by the State Civil Service Commission.
The work involves taking and processing still pictures, color slides, and motion pictures for public relations, educational, legal and work progress review purposes for various state agencies in Harrisburg. Starting salaries range from \$6,963 to \$12,108 yearly.
The examination for photographic specialist I will consist of a written test. No experience is required but applicants must be high school graduates.
Candidates for photographic specialist II-IV must be high school graduates with two-six years of professional photographic experience. The exam will be written and an evaluation of the education and experience of the applicant will be made.
Further information may be obtained from the civil service or state employment service offices.

Hospital notes

Births
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zeruth, Sciota.
Admissions
Forrest Englert, Cresco; Mrs. Marion Cruse, East Stroudsburg; Christopher Conrad, Middlesex, N.J.; Titus Kratz, East Stroudsburg.
Discharges
David Thomas, Bushkill R.D. 1; Forrest Englert, Cresco; Paula Poche, Pocono Lake; Bryan Evans, Mountainhome; Claus Domben, Cresco; Franklin Disbrow, Kunkletown R.D. 1.

Yule songs to be aired on WVPO

STROUDSBURG — The Mooseheart High School senior chorus will be featured in a special 15-minute Christmas program to be presented at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30 on Radio Station WVPO, Stroudsburg.
The program was prepared by the youngsters of the Moose City of Children near Aurora, Ill., which is owned and operated by the Loyal Order of Moose.
Emanating from the House of God, the unique Children's Cathedral on the Mooseheart campus, the program was produced by Dr. J.O. Ballinger, formerly head of the music department at Mooseheart, who is now retired. Serving as narrator is Walter H. Ketz, superintendent of Mooseheart.

Lipscomb honored by SCS

HARRISBURG — Garland Lipscomb, soil scientist in Monroe County, was honored at a recent Soil Conservation Service awards luncheon in Harrisburg for his work in assisting landowners in solving their soil and water problems in the county.
Lipscomb received a certificate of merit for his performance in Monroe County.
In presenting the award, SCS State Conservationist Benny Martin praised the work of the service in helping to improve the environment in Pennsylvania.
The state conservationist said that for the past four decades the SCS in cooperation with local conservation districts has been helping landowners, control erosion, reduce stream pollution and improve water quality, outdoor recreation and wildlife habitats.
Lipscomb joined the SCS as a soil scientist in Dauphin County. For the past eight years he has worked closely with farmers, local government units and planners in solving local resource problems in Monroe County.
Lipscomb is a graduate of Virginia State University and lives with his family at East Stroudsburg R. D. 3.

Two hurt in one-car accident

EAST STROUDSBURG — One man was hospitalized and another was injured in a one car accident Monday night in East Stroudsburg.
In a satisfactory condition at the General Hospital of Monroe County is James Parry, 22, of 520 Avenue C, Stroudsburg, driver of the car. Treated and released was his passenger, Carl Nobis, 22, of East Stroudsburg R.D. 4.
According to East Stroudsburg police, Parry was northbound on Prospect Street when he crossed the center line, struck a stone wall in front of 140 Prospect Street, continued 140 feet and struck a utility pole, snapping it in half, and then came to rest against another pole.
Parry was charged with reckless driving. Power company crews were called to make repairs. Prospect Street between Normal and Analomink was closed for about three hours.

Church officers named

STROUDSBURG — Newly elected officers of the Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, West Main Street, will participate in their new duties for the first time at services on Saturday, beginning with Sabbath School service at 10 a.m.
Appointed teachers directing individual Bible study classes for adults will be Charles Loney, T.E. Banks, Joseph Ruvo and Mrs. Gertrude Richardson. Mrs. Gerald Freeman will be leading out as superintendent for adults.
Youth and junior leader will be Tom Miller. The Primary, Kindergarten, and Cradle Rolls leader will be Mrs. Winthrop Howard.
Pastor Eugene Wood will deliver the sermon at the 11:30 worship service on Jan. 5.

Funeral Notices

ACE, Mrs. Florence, of Stroudsburg, December 22, 1973, Age 47. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services to be held at the convenience of the family, interment in St. John's Cemetery, Bartonsville. **WARRNER**
BUSH, Russell A., of Stroudsburg, December 24, 1973, Age 49. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services Friday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m. in the William H. Clark Funeral Home. Interment in Stroudsburg Cemetery. Viewing Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart Fund, 509 Scott St., Stroudsburg. Burial Lodge will conduct services at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. **CLARK**
DEHAVEN, Elmer L., of Stroudsburg, December 24, 1973, Age 71. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services Thursday, Dec. 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lanterman Funeral Home. Interment in Tannersville Union Cemetery. Viewing Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **LANTERMAN**
MEGARGLE, Bruce Stanton, of South Stroudsburg, December 22, 1973, Age 71. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services Thursday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Arthur J. Frey Funeral Home, LaAlma. Interment in Pine Grove Cemetery, South Stroudsburg. Viewing after 7 p.m. at the funeral home. **FREY**

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Counties' officials meet with lawmakers of area

WILKES-BARRE — Representatives of seven Northeastern Pennsylvania counties met recently with area legislators during the third annual State Legislative Delegation meeting.
The meeting, sponsored by the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, was held in Wilkes-Barre.
The EDCNP serves Monroe, Pike, Wayne, Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne and Sullivan Counties.
According to Howard J. Grossman, EDCNP executive director, county representatives included county commissioners, chambers of commerce, county planning commissions and tourist promotion agencies.
The legislative delegation was composed of Rep. William K. Klingaman, Rep. Joseph Wargo, Rep. John Vipond, Rep. Raphael Musto, Rep. Bernard O'Brien and Sen. Robert Mellow.
"We hope that this annual meeting will serve as a forum for communication which may help bring about a consensus on important legislative action to meet the needs of Northeastern Pennsylvania," Grossman said, "and we strongly urge continued close communication with all our legislators in our region."
Included in the program was a presentation by EDCNP commenting on existing proposals before the General Assembly and several which should be considered for action during the forthcoming 1974 session.
A total of \$67,864,000 in capital projects for Northeastern Pennsylvania is included in the Governor's Capital Budget for 1973-74.
These projects constitute essential public investments which will improve and expand the quality of the region's highway system, promote the development of a major cultural center in the Pocono area, further enhance the state parks and anthracite museums in the region, and provide necessary improvements to a variety of state institutions.
Grossman said EDCNP supports legislation which will finance and implement these capital projects and urges the passage of or adoption of Executive Committee recommendations on the following bills:
— S.B. 324, the County Assessment Act — Creating uniform assessment of real property at the county level and providing for the training and certification of assessors.
— S.B. 468, the Commonwealth Energy Planning Act — Designed to plan the long-term energy needs of the Commonwealth and coordinate public and private sector energy development strategies.
— S.B. 1122, the Flood Disaster Prevention Act — EDCNP feels that flood plain management legislation is essential to ensure sound development and mitigate losses in flood prone areas.
— H.B. 1056 and H.B. 2115, Pennsylvania Farmland Assessment Legislation — Will implement the recent "Clean and Green" amendment. EDCNP recommends that these proposals deserve careful attention in view of problems encountered by other states in implementing this type of special tax assessment legislation.
— S.B. 469, the Bulk Power Facilities Act — This proposal did not receive the support of the Executive Committee. The committee recommended that the bill be rewritten since it would be expected to place undue restrictions on the development of new power facilities.
— Mortgage and Interest Rates — The EDCNP presented testimony to the Governor's Commission on Mortgage and Interest Rates, and recommended that the commission's proposal for a flexible interest ceiling be supported.
In addition, the commission's proposal to use the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency to facilitate the flow of mortgage money to low, moderate and middle income families is especially desired in view of the current federal housing moratorium.
— S.B. 934, the Northeast Railroad Crisis — Would authorize the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to establish rural and intercity common carrier transportation services.
EDCNP feels that this legislation is needed to provide a mechanism to deal with possible alterations to rail service systems in the state which may come about as a result of federal legislation reorganizing railroad service systems.
— S.B. 108, Seed Money for Non-Federal Housing Programs — Would allow the Department of Community Affairs to provide seed money to non-federal housing programs, such as those financed by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

Christmas seals near '73 goal

SCRANTON — The 1973 Christmas Seal campaign needs \$31,311.62 to reach last year's final total of \$152,095.21.
In Monroe County, only \$2,514.19 is needed to reach last year's total. The campaign in Monroe is 86 per cent complete.
Monroe is in third place in the 10-county drive behind Wayne and Wyoming Counties.
This week the campaign collected \$8,459.13 as opposed to \$7,593.74 last year. However, the total year's collection is \$879.14 behind last year's.
"Christmas seals," said Walter Bloes, president of the Tuberculosis and Health Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, "work year round to protect your health. We are pleased with this year's campaign to date but we are still running behind in contributors."
Funeral Notice
IRON, Emil, of Bartonsville, December 25, 1973, Age 69. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services Friday, Dec. 28, 1973, at 11 a.m. in the Warner Funeral Home, Cremation at Cedar Hill, Allentown. There will be no viewing.
WARRNER
Family requests donations be sent to St. John's Church, Bartonsville, or Pocono Central Ambulance Corps, Tannersville.
LEIDA, Raymond, of 89 Elk St., East Stroudsburg, December 25, 1973, Age 87. Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family, interment in Gates of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorn, N.Y. Viewing Thursday, Dec. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. **THOMAS**

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Gov't plans for squatters' removal not final

By STEVE DRACHLER
Pocono Record Reporter

SHAWNEE-ON-DELAWARE — Today is the 46th day Tocks Island squatters have remained on government land along the Delaware River despite a federal judge's order for their eviction.

How much longer it will be before they leave of their own volition or are forcefully evicted from the 20 structures they say they occupy along a stretch of River Road in Smithfield and Middle Smithfield Townships is still not known.

U. S. Attorney S. John Cottone Wednesday said the government hasn't finalized plans for removal of the squatters. "We'll get them evicted," he said, "but I just don't know when."

Squatters, on the other hand, have indicated they don't intend to move, eviction order or not.

They've filed appeals since Federal District Judge Michael Sheridan's Nov. 12 eviction order concurring with

a U. S. Justice Department and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers claim that squatters were illegally occupying federal land in the Tocks Island Dam Project Area.

His decision favoring the government climaxed a year-long battle in court between squatters and the government.

Squatters' appeals to Sheridan and the U. S. Third District Court of Appeals in Philadelphia were for a halt in eviction proceedings until the appeals court makes a decision, allowing squatters to continue court proceedings without paying costs due to their claims of poverty, and an appeal of Sheridan's decision ordering them off of the federal land.

34 appealed

The original suit was filed in federal court against 171 persons, but only 34 squatters filed appeals.

Since they filed appeals on Dec. 10, two days before Sheridan's 30-day deadline for leaving expired, the judge has denied or commented on all.

He denied a stay of proceedings, leaving the way open for the Justice Department to call U. S. Marshals in to force eviction after obtaining a "writ of assistance" from the court.

He denied the motion to continue "in forma pauperis," which means squatters now have to pay costs of filing motions and briefs and may be required to post security or bond.

Sheridan also commented on their appeal, calling it "unsubstantiated and not filed in good faith."

Squatters have indicated since Sheridan's latest decisions they will keep pursuing the matter in the court of appeals.

A squatter spokesman said earlier this week work is continuing on legal moves to counter Sheridan's latest decisions.

Won't leave area

When they will be filed with the Court of Appeals is

not yet known, he said, but squatters will not be leaving the area.

He said squatters will file appeals of Sheridan's decision to make them pay filing costs of \$5 and they will also make claims in the court of appeals that his decision was handed down illegally, in a fashion contrary to regular court procedure.

The spokesman also indicated squatters might be making some sort of "grandstand" play soon to counter government moves, but would not comment on its substance.

No matter what happens in court within the next few weeks, squatters are saying they don't think the final court decision on the matter could be reached within six months or a year.

"If they say we really have to leave our homes and come with bulldozers to push them down. We won't go," one squatter woman said Tuesday. "We'll just go off into the woods to live. They'll never drive me out."

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Independent truckers plan formal organization, strike

By JEFF WIDMER
Pocono Record Reporter

GOULDSBORO, Pa. — Independent truckers who led the strike at Bartonsville last week will meet this Sunday to form an independent truckers' association, with the intention of organizing another nationwide work stoppage.

"We're going to do it right this time," said Ed Narrow, an independent who owns a fleet of seven trucks. "If the teamsters go out, they know they have 300,000 members striking. Now, if the Scranton chapter (of independent truckers) goes out, we know we have 300 members striking."

Strike leaders, some of whom shut down Bartonsville's Union 76 truck stop Dec. 20 to 23, will meet Sunday near Scranton to elect officers and hire an attorney. Narrow said violence, the disorganization at Bartonsville and lack of results convinced independents to band together.

"Road blocking and rock throwing is out. When we

strike, we'll park our trucks and stay home until its over."

He said strike leaders did not want another strike as disorganized as last week's one at Bartonsville.

One driver there and two at the Lamar, Pa. truck stop called the strike over citizens band radios.

While independents blocked diesel pumps and sat idle for four to eight days, company-hired union drivers sailed down the roads.

Grew restless

Independents grew restless at Bartonsville Sunday, Dec. 23, and finally decided to roll. Angered with the confusion and faced with a collapsing strike, four independents from the Scranton area took over the leadership at Bartonsville Dec. 23.

The U. S. Senate Public Works Committee did not meet truckers' demands. The strike collapsed Dec. 24, after William Fry, manager of Union 76 stop in Bartonsville, evacuated all drivers "for security reasons."

While the four interim

leaders claim they won concessions from the Senate, Narrow did not agree. He said truckers do not even know whether another strike will work, but will form plans for one after Sunday's meeting.

The association will consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, 10 trustees and a lawyer, Narrow said. The 300 independents who signed a petition supporting the association will elect the officers.

"Anybody in Pennsylvania can join. Let New Jersey and New York take care of their own people."

"People from the Bartonsville and Stroudsburg areas are welcome to come up Sunday and join."

The meeting place had not been secured yet, he said.

A spokesman for Union 76 in Bartonsville said no independents were organizing there Wednesday. There were also no citizens band broadcasts calling for strikes, as was the case in the last shut down.

Paul Ace of Stroudsburg, an independent who owns 14

trucks, said local truckers would join the association, but he did not know how many.

Rate increase

Ace was undecided whether he would join, but supported independents' demand for a rate increase of 10 per cent. The increase would cover all commodities.

"That's what we're all hoping for. Tires have gone up eight to 10 per cent. New trucks cost \$2,000 more each year. Diesel, oil and parts are all going up."

"Our last increase, about five per cent, was in November."

"This will help everybody except the consumer."

According to Transport Topics, a magazine published by the American Trucking Assn., independents will strike again if rates do not increase by Jan. 15.

Independents also want a ceiling on diesel of 35.9 cents a gallon, the Washington, D. C.-based magazine reported.

"That's not realistic," Ace said. "I doubt they'll get it."

"They aren't pushing as hard for a bigger speed limit. I think 55 is a good operating speed all around."

Ace said trucks do not burn, to a great degree, more fuel at 55 m.p.h. than at higher speeds.

Manhole repairs promised

EAST STROUDSBURG — A bid will be awarded by the General State Authority Jan. 9 to repair a faulty manhole at East Stroudsburg State College which is costing the school an estimated \$40,000-\$60,000 in heating service.

Dr. Darrell Holmes, ESSC president, said Wednesday he received a telephone call from the authority's executive director, Robert Jones, confirming the bid action.

Jones was scheduled to personally view the situation on campus last Saturday, but was forced to remain in Harrisburg because of a snow storm.

The General State Authority selected six firms to bid on the repair work, and will take the lowest bid. Jones said the work will be completed by the end of January before ESSC begins its spring semester Feb. 4.

Holmes said the state will pay for the full cost of the manhole work.

The manhole is located behind the Dansbury Commons Dining Hall. It was designed by Henry D. Dagitt & Son, Philadelphia, and was constructed by the Joseph A. Wright Co., Wilkes-Barre, who also did work on the dining hall.

Holmes told the college's board of trustees on Dec. 12 the dining hall and two student dormitories, Lenape and Hawthorn Residence Halls, receive heat from a boiler located on campus.

All three buildings obtain heat from hot water generated through the boiler system. When the water is returning to the boiler, it passes through the faulty manhole which contains two pumps.

The ESSC president said there is poor ventilation in the manhole causing a condensate loss problem in the returning water to the boiler. Also, the two pumps become submerged and most of the water is lost.



PHANTOM SCHOOL — Stroudsburg High School 'disappeared' Wednesday — at least partially — behind a dense fog which covered the area through most of the day. But, the

building should rematerialize later today after the rain tapers off and the fog disappears.

(Staff photo by Brian Heller)

Poconos off 20 per cent

Mortgages hurt builders

By FLIP DeLUCA
Pocono Record Reporter

STROUDSBURG — New home building in the Poconos is down from last year, but not as much as in other parts of the state.

Wayne Little, vice president of the Monroe-Pike Builders Association estimated building to be off about 20 per cent due to the ceiling on mortgage interest rates.

The executive director of the state Builders Association, Herbert Packer Jr. said home building was "down 40 per cent and sinking" throughout the state.

Little said the local problem could become more critical by the spring, "depending on what people in Harrisburg do with the mortgage situation."

The banks in Pennsylvania are limited to a mortgage interest rate of eight per cent, but the legislature is considering lifting the ceiling and letting the banks charge nine or nine-and-a-half per cent, Little explained.

"If the banks can get higher interest on something else, why should they give mortgages at eight per cent?" Little asked.

"I won't say you can't get a mortgage loan, but only prime mortgages are being considered. The down pay-

ment must be larger and the length of the mortgage shorter."

Little said the Poconos have been spared the 40 per cent decline in building because most of the houses being built in this area are second homes. "Most people who can afford two homes can get a mortgage," he said.

According to the state association, builders are planning a march on the legislature Jan. 14 to push for action on raising the mortgage interest rate.

Little said that a higher interest rate on mortgages won't hurt the house buyer that much. "The buyer is more concerned with the length and availability of the mortgage. If it's what he wants, he'll pay the nine-and-a-half per cent."

The local builder said that final approvals on some mortgages are being held up until the legislature acts on the interest rates.

Little said the weather has been so bad that it is hard to tell how much the mortgage interest problem has decreased house building, but added that the number of inquiries received has been smaller than usual.

There were 35,000 single family units and 20,000 multi-family units built in 1972 in Pennsylvania.

Telephone 'hot line' established

Students request help — receive it

By LORA SHARPE
Pocono Record Reporter

LEHIGHTON — A "hot line" service by and for young people will open out of a Leighton office early in January.

The hot line will be for those persons with emergency problems and will also be a

referral service to public agencies.

Sponsored by the Tri-County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program (D and A), the Carbon County Children's Bureau and the Carbon Advisory Committee on Alcoholism, the hot line is being established on request of area high school

students. The D and A program is paying rent and phone bills for the hot line.

Students from five area high schools will man the phone in the hot line center at the Hotel American in Leighton.

The phone will be open seven nights a week. Hours have yet to be determined, but project

officials expect a schedule to cover at least the hours from 7 p.m. to midnight. A similar hot line had been operating one night a week.

Students in charge of the phone are now undergoing training from D and A caseworker Michael Nester in order to handle all emergencies that may arise.

Training has been in progress since November; students will also receive on-the-job training for a month after the phone opens.

Another phone is available at all times for calls to professional personnel in the D and A program for counseling direction and assistance.

The hot line's number will be 717-325-4043; in Palmerton and Panther Valley, however, a toll free number, Enterprise 8-4230 will be available.

Students from Jim Thorpe High School asked for the service after seeing a program from the D and A office last year.

"They came to us and asked for help," said Nester. "They had not known of the public services available and they also felt the drug problem was increasing."

"Peer counseling" is to be the emphasis in the program. That is, young people will be advising other young people about problems — drugs, home life or school difficulties.

"Say some kid calls up because he's ready to run away," Nester explained. "Another young person is more believable than an adult."



TOO BIG, TOO SMALL — Or the wrong color. Local merchants heard various combinations of these phrases most of the day Wednesday, as articles of clothing and other items purchased as gifts, were exchanged for the right size and-or color. (Staff photo by Brian Heller)

The standings

Basketball

Scholastic

Johnstown Vot-Tech 59, Forest Hills 51
Duquesne 59, Bish. Guilford 56, of
Windover 67, Laurel Valley 66, of
Bish. McCort 57, Penn Cambrian 52

College

Penn St. 73, Fordham 67
USC 90, SW Texas 76
Ulan 110, Montana 86
Heldberg 77, of, Central 76, of
Missouri 73, Oklahoma 70
Duke 75, Western Kentucky 69
Florida 64, Jacksonville 62
Colorado 73, Kansas 71
California 64, Penn 63
Indiana 60, Brigham Young 52
Great Falls 80, Portland St. 71

Professional

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSN.

Wednesday's results
Boston 125, Buffalo 123
New York 96, Detroit 91
Capital 82, Chicago 81
Atlanta 143, Philadelphia 118
Milwaukee 120, Cleveland 110
Houston 110, K.C. Omaha 95
Los Angeles at Seattle
(Only games scheduled)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division
W L pct gb
Boston 21 16 .568 8
New York 15 21 .417 13 1/2
Buffalo 11 24 .314 17

Central Division
W L pct gb
Capital 17 17 .500 3 1/2
Atlanta 14 24 .366 8 1/2
Houston 12 25 .324 10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division
W L pct gb
Milwaukee 28 7 .800 —
Chicago 26 11 .703 3
Detroit 22 15 .595 7 1/2
K.C.-Omaha 12 26 .316 17 1/2

Pacific Division
W L pct gb
Los Angeles 17 16 .516 1 1/2
Golden State 16 15 .516 1 1/2
Portland 15 20 .429 4 1/2
Phoenix 12 23 .344 7
Seattle 14 26 .350 8

AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSN.

Wednesday's results
Carolina 105, New York 95
Virginia 116, Denver 115
Kentucky 106, Indiana 78
Memphis 96, San Antonio 95
San Diego at Utah

Eastern Division
W L pct gb
Carolina 24 14 .632 —
Kentucky 22 13 .627 1/2
New York 23 14 .622 1/2
Virginia 10 22 .313 10 1/2
Memphis 10 27 .270 13

Western Division
W L pct gb
Utah 20 15 .571 —
Indiana 18 18 .500 2 1/2
San Antonio 19 20 .487 2 1/2
Denver 16 17 .485 3
San Diego 17 20 .459 4

Amateur

YMCA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

W L pct gb
Five Points 3 0 1.000 —
P.C.A. 2 0 1.000 1/2
E.V.-Stroudsburg 2 0 1.000 1/2
Pecono Bish 1 1 .500 1 1/2
Net. Abstract 0 1 .000 2
Berger 0 1 .000 2
Mt. Pecono 0 3 .000 2 1/2
Smith News 0 3 .000 2 1/2

YMCA MEN'S LEAGUE

W L pct gb
Pátice 4 0 1.000 —
Lawson's 3 1 .750 1
Kitty's 1 1 .500 2
WVPO 1 1 .500 2
Rudy's 1 1 .500 2
OGA 1 1 .500 2
Boys 1 1 .500 2
Ron & Alice 1 2 .333 2 1/2
Town Garage 1 3 .250 3
John Allen 0 3 .000 3
Drackett 0 3 .000 3 1/2

Hockey

Professional

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Vancouver 6, California 4
N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 1
Toronto 5, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 2, Detroit 2
Los Angeles 3, Chicago 0
Minnesota 1, N.Y. Islanders 0
(Only games scheduled)

EASTERN DIVISION

W L pct gf ga
Boston 23 5 .821 140 85
Montreal 19 8 .692 112 88
N.Y. Rangers 16 10 .615 127 103
Toronto 16 13 .556 125 100
Buffalo 15 14 .519 107 108
Detroit 13 17 .433 107 141
Vancouver 8 16 .333 85 122
N.Y. Islanders 6 17 10 32 75 101

WESTERN DIVISION

W L pct gf ga
Philadelphia 19 8 .692 95 53
Chicago 16 11 .593 108 63
St. Louis 14 11 .559 86 76
Atlanta 15 13 .538 80 87
Minnesota 10 15 .400 82 121
Los Angeles 9 15 .375 85 126
Pittsburgh 7 23 .233 65 134
California 7 23 .233 65 134

WORLD HOCKEY ASSN.

Wednesday's results
Vancouver 5, Cleveland 3
Belhous England 3, Houston 2
Chicago at Winnipeg
(Only games scheduled)

EASTERN DIVISION

W L pct gf ga
New England 21 12 .636 126 96
Toronto 17 18 .486 137 124
Cleveland 16 13 .556 105 105
Quebec 16 16 .500 129 116
Chicago 14 18 .438 101 105
Jersey 13 19 .406 88 120

WESTERN DIVISION

W L pct gf ga
Edmonton 17 14 .550 113 103
Houston 17 12 .588 128 99
Minnesota 18 15 .545 127 112
Winnipeg 17 14 .550 118 125
Vancouver 14 21 .400 118 138
Los Angeles 13 22 .370 103 137

Sports slate

TODAY

BASKETBALL

Scholastic
East Stroudsburg tournament
Pleasant Valley tournament
Canton tournament
Allen at Parkland
Jim Thorpe at Palmerton
Nazareth at Wyoming
Central Catholic at Northampton
Southern Lehigh at Penn Argyl
Girls
Easton at Emmaus

WRESTLING

Scholastic
Lehigh Valley League tournament at Stroudsburg
Easton tournament
Christmas City tournament at Bethlehem
Wallenpaupack tournament

SATURDAY

BASKETBALL

Scholastic
Boys
East Stroudsburg tournament
Pleasant Valley tournament
Honesdale Jaycee tournament
Stroudsburg at Delaware Valley
Southern Lehigh at Penn Argyl
Girls
Easton at Emmaus

Sportsmen set annual banquet

STROUDSBURG — The annual meeting of the Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen Club is to be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 in the Blue Ridge Cherry Valley Clubhouse, Hamilton Square.

A buffet dinner will be served. Reservations for all members, wives and guests may be made by calling 629-0927 or 421-5842 no later than Monday. Officers will also be elected.

ESSC's Snyder selected for Senior soccer game

By CHUCK FIERSON
Record Sports Editor

EAST STROUDSBURG — East Stroudsburg State College is fast joining the showcase of the stars in soccer circles.

For the second straight year the Warriors will be represented in the prestigious Senior Bowl soccer game in Orlando, Fla. next week.

Fullback Dan Snyder, who tied a single season and career scoring record this

season, was among those selected for the second annual game. Goalie Bob Rigby and fullback Mike D'Alessio played last year.

Rigby was the first draft pick of the North American Soccer League and led the Philadelphia Atoms and former ESSC star Al Miller to the league championship in the team's first season. D'Alessio was drafted by the New York Cosmos, but was cut.

Snyder scored 17 goals this

year to boost his career total to 41. Both tie the school record held by Rich Flaherty and set in the mid-1960s. He was named a district all-star this season.

The East squad will be coached by Irv Schmid of Springfield, Capt. Henry Eichin of Air Force will coach the West. The East won the inaugural game last year, 3-0.

Although last year's game was played at nearby Winter Park, Senior Bowl chairman E. Wayne Sunderland, athletic

director at Pratt University, said the game will be staged in the Tangerine Bowl this year.

Selections for the Senior Bowl game, according to Sunderland, are based solely on the player's all-America status although reports of coaches were widely used in team selection.

For the first time players involved in the NCAA Division One playoffs, set for the Orange Bowl Jan. 2 to Jan. 4,

are eligible for the Senior Bowl.

One player from Brown, two from UCLA and two from St. Louis are represented on the Senior Bowl roster. Terry Fisher, former assistant coach at Stroudsburg High School, is a UCLA assistant.

EAST

Goalie — Jim May (Brockport); Steve Burazie (West Chester). Backs — Dave D'Errico (Hartwick); Mickey Whelan (David and Elkins); Joe Howarth (Ocon-

ta State); Don Ries (Penn); Ferdinand Treusacher (Brown); Kip Jordan (Cornell); Ed Austin (Hartwick). Forwards — Steve Bauman (Penn); Marion Stoj (Wesleyan); Dave Leckie (Alderson-Broadbent); Dan Snyder (East Stroudsburg); Gordon Chomondelay (Philadelphia Textile); John Stravos (LIU); Peter Gutierrez (Duke).

WEST

Goalies — John Hummel (Wisconsin-Milwaukee); Fran

Tusinski (Missouri-St. Louis). Backs — Tom Galati (SIU); Bob Madison (St. Louis); John Schroder (Northern Illinois); John Brockman (Air Force); George Zarytsky (Northern Illinois); Yaradel Gebreyesus (UCLA); Tony Suffle (San Jose State); DeWayne Byran (Viola). Forwards — Craig Lezinsky (Wooster); Ron Timmel (Rockhurst); Mark Mathis (Quincy); Dan Counce (St. Louis); Tom Twellman (SIU); Jose Lopez (UCLA).



BEGINNING OF END — Rangers' Rod Gilbert, right, slips puck past Philadelphia goalie Bernie Parent for first goal of game. Flyers' Ed Van Impe (2) and Rangers' Jean Ratelle (19) move in on play. (UPI Wirephoto)

Irvine's 11th goal of year lifts Rangers past Flyers

NEW YORK (UPI) — Ted Irvine's 11th goal of the season gave the New York Rangers a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers Wednesday night.

Irvine scored New York's second power play goal of the game when he took passes from Bobby Rousseau and Bruce MacGregor at 11:19 of the middle period for the winning marker. Rousseau's assist was his second of the game.

Rod Gilbert opened the scoring for New York at 9:46 of the first period, tallying a power play marker when he backhanded the rebound of a Brad Park shot from the point. Rousseau had set up Park with a cross ice pass.

Leafs, 9-2

TORONTO (UPI) — Lanny McDonald and Rick Kehoe each scored two goals to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 9-2 victory over Montreal Wednesday night, snapping the Canadiens' 10-game unbeaten streak.

Williams' goal, his fifth of the season, came after his 40-footer from center ice missed the Hawks' net. The puck bounced straight back toward the net from the boards, hit Chicago goalie Tony Esposito on the back of the leg, and bounced in to tie the match.

North Stars, 1-0

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The victory lifted the Canucks out of the National Hockey League's Eastern Division cellar and stretched the Seals' 1973 road record to 1-19-0. California is last in the West.

Vancouver held a narrow 3-2 lead going into the third period when Schmautz bagged his 17th goal of the season. Walt McKechnie followed with an unassisted tally less than three minutes later to cut the deficit to one goal again but Ververgaert and Bordeleau scored back-to-back goals for a 6-3 edge.

Hawks, 3-3

CHICAGO (UPI) — A fluke goal by Tom Williams with less than seven minutes to play Wednesday night gave the Los Angeles Kings a 3-3 tie with the Chicago Black Hawks, preventing the Hawks from moving into a first place tie in the National Hockey League's West Division.

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Hawks set mark in romp over 76ers

ATLANTA (UPI) — The Atlanta Hawks set a season scoring high Wednesday night, beating the Philadelphia 76ers, 145-118, with Lou Hudson and Pete Maravich picking up 35 and 31 points respectively.

Atlanta's previous high was 131 points against Seattle. The game also broke a home record for fouls, 75-38 on Atlanta and 37 on Philadelphia.

The Hawks trailed by three points at the end of the first quarter, but outscored Philadelphia 43-27 in the second period for a 73-60 halftime lead and the game was never close again.

Fred Carter led Philadelphia with 25 points, 17 in the first half. Steve Mix had 21 for the 76ers.

The win was Atlanta's fourth in its last five games and evened the Hawks season record at 17-17. It was Philadelphia's third straight loss.

New York, 96-91

DETROIT (UPI) — Dave DeBusschere and Walt Frazier combined to score 45 points Wednesday night, including 10 of New York's 12 points in the final six minutes, to lead the Knicks to a comeback 96-91 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

The Knicks outscored Detroit 12-4 over the final stretch to rally from an 87-84 deficit. It was the third straight time that New York has defeated the red-hot Pistons, and it left Detroit with a 10-4 record for December.

The Knicks started their surge with 5:44 remaining. With the score 87-84, DeBusschere, who is retiring as a player from the National Basketball Association at the end of the season, hit six points and Frazier pumped in four to turn the game around.

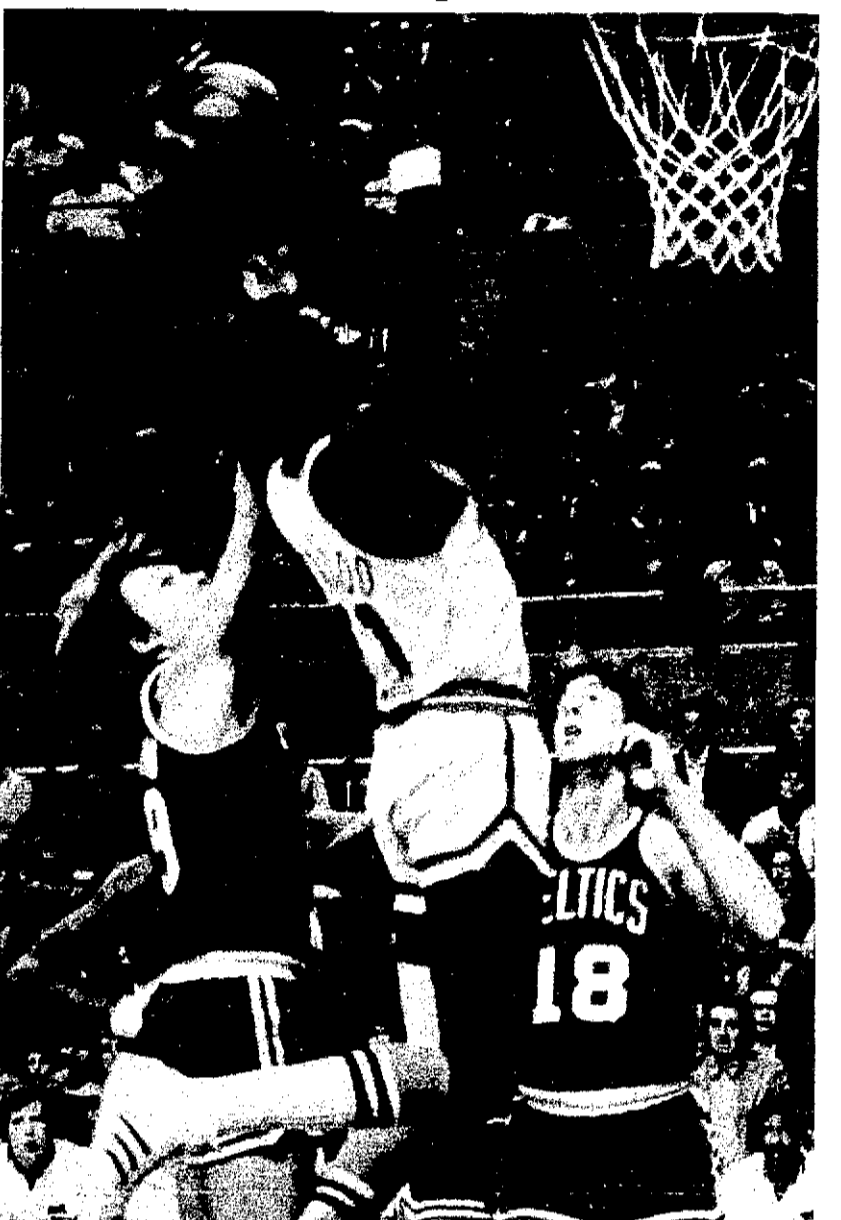
DeBusschere finished the game with 23 points and Frazier had 22.

Boston, 125-123

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — Jo Jo White's 20-foot jumper with two seconds left to play boosted Boston to a comeback 125-123 victory over Buffalo Wednesday night and gave the Celtics their 21st triumph in as many games against the Braves over a four year period.

A desperation shot from the right corner by Buffalo's Garfield Heard, who had a career high 36 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, bounced off the rim at the final buzzer.

Buffalo grabbed a 32-24 lead after the opening quarter thanks to 12 points by Randy Smith and 10 by Bob McAdoo. McAdoo, the National Basketball Association's leading scorer, became the first player to reach the 1,000 point mark this



MAGIC MOMENT — Buffalo's Bob McAdoo leaps between Don Nelson, left, and Dave Cowens of Celtics to score 1,000th season point Wednesday night. (UPI Wirephoto)

season as he finished with a game total of 27.

John Havlicek paced Boston with 27 points, Nelson and Silas each had 21 and Cowens 16.

Capital, 82-81

LARGO, Md. (UPI) — Phil Chenier partially blocked Chet Walker's corner shot at the buzzer Wednesday night and the Capital Bullets held on for an 82-81 National Basketball Association victory over the Chicago Bulls.

The Bullets, in winning their fifth straight and seventh of their last 10 games, came from nine points behind in the final quarter on the scoring of Mike Riordan and Elvin Hayes.

Riordan, held scoreless in the first half, threw in 22 points in the final two quarters including 12 in the final period. He scored 10 straight points midway through the final period to bring the Bullets to within three points, 73-70.

Hayes gave the Bullets their first lead at 78-77 with 2:20 left, then scored the Bullets' final two baskets for an 82-79 lead.

Walker converted a pair of free throws with 28 seconds left to pull the Bulls within one point, 82-81. Chenier then dribbled for 20 seconds before taking a shot which missed.

Walker rebounded with four seconds and called timeout to set up Chicago's attempt at the winning basket.

The victory for the Bullets was their first over the Bulls in two years after seven defeats.

Capital now 20-13, was led in scoring by Riordan, while Hayes had 17 points and 24 rebounds.

Milw., 123-110

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored a season high 38 points, including several clutch baskets in the fourth quarter, to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 123-110 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers Wednesday night.

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The Bucks tied 58-58 at the half, but Bob Dandridge scored 11 third quarter points to give the Bucks a 94-83 lead going into the final period.

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Houston, 110-95

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POWERFUL PAIR — East quarterbacks Norris Weese, left, of Mississippi, and Gary Marangi of Boston College work out for East-West Shrine game in San Francisco Saturday. (UPI Wirephoto)

Two area cage tourneys to open

STROUDSBURG — East Stroudsburg tries to defend its own title while Pleasant Valley embarks on a new venture tonight when two basketball tournaments begin.

East Stroudsburg will host Pius X of Roseto in the second game of its tournament. Pocono Mountain and Pocono Central Catholic square off in the opener.

At Brodheadsville, Pleasant Valley opens its first basketball tournament while it plays North Warren Regional in the

second game. Notre Dame of East Stroudsburg, playing in an area tournament for the first time in the school's history, and Warren Tech meet in the first game.

The openers of both tournaments are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. Friday's consolation games will start at 6:30 with the championships to follow.

East Stroudsburg, which beat Pocono Mountain in the final of last year's tournament, is off to one of its

fastest starts in recent years. The Cavaliers are 4-0, the latest win a 48-47 decision over Stroudsburg. Grey Propst is the top Cavalier scorer, averaging 20.0 points per game. Jeff James is hitting for 11.3 per game.

Pius X is on a three-game winning streak and is 4-2 overall. The Royals, also playing in their first area tournament, beat Pleasant Valley, Belvidere (N.J.) and Stroudsburg in their last three outings. Joe DeFranco

is the top scorer at 16.3 while Tony Casciano is hitting for 14.3.

Pocono Mountain and Pocono Central Catholic met once this season with Pocono Central Catholic taking a 56-41 decision. The win snapped a four-game losing streak and PCC beat Notre Dame of East Stroudsburg in its last game to raise its mark to 2-4. Frank Regan (12.0) and John Latzanich (9.2) are the top scorers.

Pocono Mountain, under new

head coach Pete Nish, is 2-4, dropping the last two games since nipping Stroudsburg, 58-57. Tim Shollenberger is hitting for 16.3 points per game while Bruce Matula adds 8.3.

Pleasant Valley boasts the top two scorers in the area in Bob Altomose, last year's scoring champion, and Randy Kuehner. Altomose has averaged 21.2 points per game while Kuehner has added 20.0 to lead the Bears to a 2-3 record.

North Warren of Blainstown relies on Milt Kirby to pace its attack.

Notre Dame is seeking to tie the school victory record of four games in one season. The Spartans won their first three games, but then dropped decisions to Pleasant Valley and Pocono Central Catholic. Tom Riley (10.4) and Paul Brygider (9.0) are the top scorers for the Spartans.

Warren Tech of Washington centers its game around Tom Schaible, Don Lutz and Ed Gellock.

Altomose averaging 21.2 per game

Bears boast two top area scorers

By **CHUCK FIERSON**
Record Sports Editor
STROUDSBURG — When Pleasant Valley begins its first basketball tournament ever tonight, the Bears will also boast the best scoring punch in the area.

Bob Altomose, the leading point producer in the area last year, and teammate Randy Kuehner are the leaders in the first weekly scoring parade.

The averages are based upon games played through Tues-

day. If a player misses more than two games during the season he is removed from the list.

Altomose, who averaged 19.5 points per game last year en route to a berth on the all-Pocono team, is ahead of that pace with a 21.2 average in five games. The 6-4, 190-pound senior has been above the 20-point mark three times, hitting 26 points twice.

Kuehner, the 14th top scorer in the area last year, is tied for second place with Greg

Propst of East Stroudsburg with a 20.0 average. Kuehner, a 6-0, 150-pound senior, also has gone above the 20-point mark three times with his top at 27.

Propst has gone above the 20-point mark in two of the Cavaliers' four games this year. His high has been 23.

Dave Moyer of Bangor, another member of last year's all-Pocono team, is in fourth place with a 19.8 average. The fourth top scorer last year has scored more than 20

points in four of Bangor's eight games.

In fifth place is Mike Wedge of Pen Argyl, the eighth top scorer last season. He has a 19.0 average including a season high 24. Teammate Mike Fiorot is next with an 18.6 mark including a season high 28.

Charlie Nierstedt of Wallenpaupack is in seventh place with a 17.2 mark. Jim Altomose of Stroudsburg is eighth with 16.7. Tim Shollenberger of Pocono Mountain, the third returning first team all-Pocono selection this season, and Joe DeFranco of Pius X round out the top 10 with 16.3 averages.

Pen Argyl is the top offensive team in the area, averaging 70.4 points per game, while Notre Dame of East Stroudsburg is averaging 45.0 points per game to lead the defense.

Player	School	gms	pt	avg	ht
Bob Altomose	Pleasant Valley	5	106	21.2	28
Randy Kuehner	Pleasant Valley	5	100	20.0	27
Greg Propst	E. Stroudsburg	4	80	20.0	23
Dave Moyer	Bangor	6	158	19.8	28
Mike Wedge	Pen Argyl	7	133	19.0	24
Mike Fiorot	Pen Argyl	7	120	18.6	28
Charlie Nierstedt	Wallenpaupack	5	86	17.2	21
Jim Altomose	Stroudsburg	6	100	16.7	26
Tim Shollenberger	Pocono Mountain	6	98	16.3	24
Joe DeFranco	Pius X	6	98	16.3	22
Tony Casciano	Notre Dame	6	86	14.3	25
Steve Baratta	Bangor	8	113	14.1	24
Frank Regan	PCC	6	72	12.0	16
John Nierstedt	Wallenpaupack	5	59	11.8	20
Roger Wees	Wallenpaupack	5	53	10.6	16
Wallenpaupack	Jeff James	4	45	11.3	19
E. Stroudsburg	Rick Shaffer	7	78	11.1	18
Delaware Valley	Tom Riley	6	66	11.0	17
Notre Dame	Gary Smith	5	52	10.4	14
Delaware Valley	Joe DeFranco	7	68	9.7	15

Team	offense	gms	pt	avg	ht
Pen Argyl	7	499	70.4	95	
Bangor	6	326	54.3	82	
Wallenpaupack	6	351	58.5	75	
Pius X	6	356	59.3	73	
Pleasant Valley	5	292	58.4	67	
E. Stroudsburg	4	231	57.8	63	
Stroudsburg	6	313	52.2	40	
PCC	6	303	50.5	57	
Pocono Mt.	6	294	49.0	58	
Notre Dame	6	234	39.0	48	
Delaware Valley	7	313	44.7	52	

Team	defense	gms	pt	avg	ht
Notre Dame	4	225	45.0	32	
E. Stroudsburg	4	202	50.5	43	
Delaware Valley	7	360	51.4	31	
Stroudsburg	6	314	52.2	38	
Pleasant Valley	5	271	54.2	35	
Pocono Mt.	6	333	55.5	39	
PCC	6	328	54.3	41	
Bangor	6	429	57.3	43	
Wallenpaupack	6	362	60.3	43	
Pius X	6	368	61.3	44	
Pen Argyl	7	453	64.7	56	

Ski conditions

BIG BOULDER: 10 to 24 inch base, wet granular surface. Conditions "good." All slopes open except one with three chairs operating.

CAMELBACK: Four to 20 inch base, wet granular surface. Conditions "fair." Two double chairs operating. Skiing from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

JACK FROST: Eight to 24 inch base, wet granular surface. Conditions "fair" to "good." Five slopes open with many lifts operating as needed.

TAMMERT RESORT: Four to 10 inch base, two inch granular surface. Conditions "good" to "excellent."

Santa's biggest gift waits for women

By **United Press International**
Cheer up, ladies, there are only 12 college football games left this season.

And here's some more good news for you. After next Tuesday that number will be reduced to three.

Beginning Friday and lasting through New Year's Day a total of nine post-season games will be played, and the bulk of the action will take place Saturday with four games on tap.

The first of this week's contests will be held Friday night in Atlanta when Georgia

meets Maryland in the Peach Bowl.

Maryland, which finished in a tie for 18th in the final UPI ratings, posted an 8-3 record this season compared to a 6-4-1 mark for Georgia, but the game is listed as a tossup—no doubt due to the fact that Georgia won three of its last four games, including a 35-31 victory over Tennessee.

Both teams feature some exceptional players. Maryland boasts a triple-threat offensive star in tailback Louis Carter, an all-ACC selection, and a pair

of super defensive linemen in tackle Randy White and middle guard Paul Vellano. The Terps ranked among the top 10 in total defense this season.

Georgia features quarterback Andy Johnson, the No. 2 rushing quarterback in SEC history, and tailback Jimmy Poulos, the No. 2 rusher in Georgia history.

There are three bowl games and one all-star contest set for Saturday. On Saturday afternoon Missouri (7-4) will meet Auburn (8-5) in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex.; Houston (10-1)

takes on Tulane (9-2) in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston and the East meets the West in the Shrine Game at San Francisco.

On Saturday night Tennessee (8-3) tangles with Texas Tech (10-1) in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.

Houston, ranked 13th, is an eight-point choice over 15th-ranked Tulane in the Sun Bowl, and this game figures to be a battle between a conservative club and a big play team. This year, however, it is Houston which has gone conservative in

marked contrast to previous years.

The Cougars have sluck pretty much to a ground game this year and it has paid off with victories over every one except Auburn. Quarterback D.C. Nobles has attempted 45 fewer passes than a year ago, and there are four backs on the team with more than 400 yards rushing.

Tulane's strength is quarterback Steve Foley, who gained more than 1,400 yards in total offense this season. The Green Wave will be hurt considerably

on defense, however, by the loss of defensive tackle Charlie Hall, who has undergone knee surgery.

Texas Tech, which lost only to Texas this season and was ranked 11th, is a 2½ point choice over Tennessee in the Gator Bowl. Texas Tech, which was forced to come from behind in six of its 10 victories, is a powerful offensive team that was held under 20 points only twice all season. The Red Raiders center their offense around quarterback Joe Barnes, who passed for 978 yards and rushed for 568 yards this year.

Tennessee's defense hasn't measured up to past years, but the Vols also boast an explosive offense which is geared to the talents of quarterback Conderge Holloway, an all-SEC selection. Holloway passed for 1,149 yards and rushed for an additional 433 yards this season.

All-American quarterback David Jaynes of Kansas heads a list of 58 outstanding players selected for the 4th annual East-West Shrine Game. Jaynes, Stanford's Mike Boryla and Arizona State's Danny White gives the West squad three of the nation's best quarterbacks, but the East has been rated a slight favorite.

Other top pro prospects competing in the game will be tight end Paul Seal and defensive tackle Dave Gallagher of Michigan, running back James McAlister of UCLA, All-American offensive guard Bill Yoest of North Carolina State and tight end J.V. Cain of Colorado.

Bowl action will continue on New Year's Eve with top-ranked Alabama at a meeting fourth-ranked Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans and conclude New Year's Day with the Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl contests.

Offensive goals remain

Loss of Hill won't change Dallas

DALLAS (UPI) — Dallas Cowboy coach Tom Landry said Wednesday the loss of Calvin Hill for Sunday's NFC championship game against Minnesota should not change what the Cowboys try to do on offense against the Vikings and should not change the eventual outcome of the game.

"We will obviously miss Calvin," Landry said. "You always miss a back who has gained 1,000 yards for you."

"But I don't think it should keep us from winning. It should not be used as an excuse. Our defense can still play defense and Roger Staubach can still throw the football."

Hill's services were lost because of a dislocated elbow he suffered last Sunday in the Cowboys' 27-16 division playoff victory over Los Angeles.

Robert Newhouse, a second year man from Houston, will start in Hill's place. Newhouse opened the season as the club's starting fullback in front of

Wall Garrison, who was suffering from a pinched nerve in his neck at the time, but he has played little in the halfback spot.

"Robert actually has played only one game at halfback," said Landry. "But he is capable of having a super game. We have lost other players this

year and it has not been disastrous. We lost Otto Stowe (at flanker) and Drew Pearson has come on to perform very well."

Landry said the use of Newhouse would not cause him to alter his game plan.

"We really can't change what has brought us here," said Landry. "And we really don't have to try to change. Newhouse and Hill can run the same plays."

The Minnesota-Dallas clash is the first meeting of the two teams since a divisional playoff contest year before last in which the Cowboys prevailed, 20-12, en route to the Super Bowl.

"We are going up against a team that is much improved from the one two years ago," said Landry.

"Their defense is basically the same. But it is the offense that makes the big difference from that last game."

"Fran Tarkenton provides excellent leadership and an excellent passing attack which they didn't have when we played them last. And there are (Chuck) Foreman and (Oscar) Reed and they have helped the offense along."

Landry said he saw similar difficulties in trying to defend Minnesota wide receiver John Gilliam as his club faced last week in trying to cut down Los Angeles Harold Jackson, who caught only one pass in the Rams loss.

"You have got to respect Gilliam because he has the same ability as Jackson," said Landry. "I don't know yet how we will go about working on him, but you have to respect him."

The Cowboy management announced Wednesday that although tickets were selling briskly, it appeared doubtful the game would be sold out before noon today — the deadline for having the game blacked out locally.

Last week's Rams game was blacked out in the area, and the final tickets were sold six hours before kickoff.

Recreation basketball

ESHS	fg	ft	pts	reb	ast	blk	stl	pts
Harris	8	0	2	16	6	0	1	12
Hood	5	1	13	11	1	0	1	6
Peters	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	2
Super	15	0	30	26	0	0	0	0
Freeman	4	0	8	8	15	2	3	22
Wetmore	2	0	4	4	1	0	0	2
Workster	2	0	2	4	1	0	0	2
Totals	33	1	57	63	32	2	5	44

Jerry's Diner	fg	ft	pts	reb	ast	blk	stl	pts
Widdas	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	16
Esposito	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	14
Senile	7	0	14	1	1	0	0	3
Dullo	0	3	4	3	0	0	0	3
James	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	28
Wetmore	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	2
Workster	1	0	2	4	1	0	0	33
Totals	13	9	25	13	2	0	0	69

Vikings to put emphasis on defense

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (UPI) — The Minnesota Vikings, sights set on the National Football Conference title and a Super Bowl berth, fly south today to get ready for the Dallas Cowboys and the emphasis, says Coach Bud Grant, is on defense.

"It's a difficult job preparing our defense for Dallas. They have a very complicated offense with their sets, in-motions and shifts," said Grant, who is taking his club to Tulsa, Okla., for two days of

practice on the artificial turf at Skelly Field.

Grant said the loss of Cowboy running back Calvin Hill, who dislocated an elbow, doesn't alter the Vikings' preparation.

"They have other good backs," the Minnesota coach said. "They've won before without Hill."

Perhaps Grant's greatest concern is Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach. Although Staubach is the top-rated passer in the NFC, Grant talks more about his running than passing.

"He's a confident guy, a big-play guy. He's really at great quarterback, a running quarterback who truly runs. He is completely fearless. He'll tuck it in and go straight up the middle, where they can take his head off."

The Vikings worked out here Wednesday. In Tulsa they'll be on Tartan Turf, same surface they'll play on in the NFC title game Sunday in Texas Stadium.

Grant has said playing on synthetic surfaces is somewhat

of a disadvantage for the Vikings against teams—such as Dallas—which play on it often and are better adapted to it, "but we have no mental hang-ups about it."

While Dallas lost Hill and has other injury problems, Grant's injury report is almost difficult to believe.

"We have no injuries," he said. "We had some bumps and bruises after the Washington game (Minnesota's 27-20 playoff victory last Saturday) but the rest over the Christmas holiday took care of them. As of now we are injury-free."

Minnesota's fortunes could rest on how well Dallas defenses quarterback Fran Tarkenton, who had his best season in more than a decade in the NFL with 61.7 passing accuracy and a magical touch at calling the right play at the right time while leading the Vikings to a 12-2 record.

Tarkenton, who passed for 2,113 yards and 15 touchdowns during the season and a pair of quick TDs which wiped out the Redskins in the playoff, tosses mostly to speedy wide receiver John Gilliam who has averaged 21.6 yards per catch. Oscar Reed and rookie Chuck Foreman will probably be the starting running backs.

Dolphins' 'Super Team' on road to Super Bowl

MIAMI (UPI) — Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid are riding again for the Miami Dolphins on the road to Super Bowl VIII.

It hasn't been quite like the old days, before Mercury Morris broke up their act, but Larry "Sundance" Czonka and Jim "Butch Cassidy" Kiick have been a potent team in the Dolphin backfield again in the past two games.

Kiick, admittedly depressed by Jack of action behind Morris last season and this, rushed for 51 yards and caught three passes for 19 yards last Sunday when the Dolphins beat the Cincinnati Bengals 34-16 in the first round of the American Conference playoffs.

The week before, in the final regular season victory over Detroit, Kiick had 66 yards running and catching passes. Morris was held out of that game with a neck injury, but played against Cincinnati.

"It felt good to be in there," said Kiick. "I'd been losing a little confidence ... I feel I get stronger the more I run."

After the Cincinnati game he said he felt "I could run through a few people. And our line was doing the job."

form again, the Miami running game should be as solid as it has been this season for the 4 p.m. EST Sunday clash with the Oakland Raiders in the Orange Bowl for the AFC championship. Miami will be seeking its third consecutive conference title and third consecutive trip to the Super Bowl.

The Dolphins went back to work on the practice field Christmas Day and hard

practices were on the schedule Wednesday and today.

Tight end Jim Mandich, who underwent surgery Monday for fractured bones in his left hand, was expected to be ready to play. Also listed as possible starters are tight end Marv Fleming, who has missed three games with a badly bruised thigh, and cornerback Tim Foley, out since the Thanksgiving Day game against Dallas with a shoulder separation.

The burden is not unlost on Oakland.

"All their men were healthy then," says Jones of the Raider triumph the second game of the regular season. "But because we were able to hold them to

100 yards doesn't mean we can do it again automatically."

"Not just by thinking it—we have to go on the field and do it. They'll be quicker and they'll be sharper. It's later in the season, it's for all the marbles now and they'll be every bit as prepared as we will be. The Raiders can't think about doing the same job. We have to do even better."

Coach John Madden doesn't think the Dolphins will come up with anything entirely new.

Oakland remembers past, but also has its goals

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) — The title-hungry Oakland Raiders beat Miami early in the season, snapping the Dolphins' 18-game winning streak, but they're not thinking about it now.

"We wanted to end their long winning streak but that's forgotten now," says defensive end Horace Jones.

"We have another reason for wanting to beat them now—they're the champs and we want to become the champs."

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Inflation impact year's biggest Pennsylvania story

By EDWARD MCHALE
United Press International

Pennsylvanians again began their new year without a state government budget and, as 1973 drew to a close, galloping prices on everything from gasoline to ground beef had put a severe strain on the billfolds of most citizens.

Certainly, the year's biggest story was the impact of inflation on Pennsylvania pocket-books. A spiraling cost of living sent such staples as bread and flour increasing by as much as 100 per cent. During the 12-month period, the price of meat—ham, beef and pork—soared by more than 40 to 50 cents per pound.

As 1973 drew to a close, the U.S. Department of Labor reported food prices in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia increased by 1.7 per cent during November. This despite declines in prices for fish, poultry and meat. And despite the November drop in meat, those prices are still 29 per cent higher than one year ago.

It began as a year of peace and plenty, but the calendar became pockmarked by such frustrations as prison violence and other crimes, horrible accidents, public employee strikes, pollution and the probability of more of it, farmer frustrations, often unresponsive government and more sensational developments in the Yablonski mur-

der case. Historic labor accommodations in the steel and aluminum industries were offset by threats by the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) of a possible 1974 strike that could last as long as six months at a time when the nation was turning to coal as its salvation during an energy squeeze.

More than 20 Pennsylvanians were released in early 1973 from Southeast Asian prison camps, but not even they were exempt from misery. One CIA agent from Chambersburg sued his wife for divorce and Navy Capt. Walter E. Wilber of Columbia Crossroads was accused of misconduct, charges that were later dropped.

Politicians emerged as society's most dedicated optimists as Gov. Milton Shapp announced he wanted to govern Pennsylvanians for another four years. Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, R-Pa., cranked up his re-election campaign scolding President Nixon about Watergate.

In a year of political maneuvering, Pittsburgh Mayor Peter Flaherty won an easy re-election as the candidate of both Democrats and Republicans. While Flaherty's political stock soared, Republican District Attorney Arlen Specter of Philadelphia lost in his re-election bid—a barometer of his guber-

natorial chances—despite the backing of Mayor Frank Rizzo, a Democrat.

Not only was Specter's defeat damaging to Rizzo's political ambitions, but the Philadelphia mayor created a credibility gap when he took a lie detector test concerning an alleged political patronage deal. A polygraph expert said the test, arranged by the Philadelphia Daily News, showed Rizzo "did not tell the truth."

Other political losers included former Congressman Irving Whalley, a Windber Republican, and Mayors H. James Brentzel of Irwin and E.G. Studebaker of Bedford. Brentzel was defeated in a re-election bid, but Studebaker won another term in November despite being named in criminal complaints.

Whalley, 72, was placed on three years' probation and fined \$11,000 after pleading guilty to charges stemming from a kickback scheme in which he demanded money from staff members to pay relatives and personal business expenses.

Brentzel was appealing a five-year suspended sentence, his removal from office and an order that he repay Irwin borough \$1,000 for allegedly submitting fraudulent expense claims. Studebaker was awaiting trial Jan. 14 on charges he conspired to burn down a Bed-

ford hotel he owned to obtain insurance payments.

Another Pennsylvanian congressman, Republican John P. Saylor of Johnstown, died in 1973 and a successor will be chosen in a special election Feb. 5. Other prominent politicians who died during the past year included former Gov. Arthur James and Democrat Matthew H. McCloskey Jr. of Philadelphia, former U.S. ambassador to Ireland.

Fun politics

Some politicians were frivolous. The legislature passed one bill protecting Pennsylvania's few remaining bog turtles and received another designating the firefly as the state's official insect.

No fewer than three bills submitted state songs for legislative consideration, but none contained words rhyming with Pennsylvania.

Prison violence in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh resulted in the deaths of three penitentiary employees. The warden and assistant warden at Holmesburg Prison were stabbed to death following a "grievance hearing" with two Black Muslim inmates. A guard captain at Western Penitentiary was beaten and stabbed to death, by four inmates.

In a crime spree that stretched almost the length of the Eastern Seaboard, four Maryland men later charged with the massacre of a Georgia farm family also were linked by authorities to the slaying of Richard Miller, 19, of McConnellsburg, who had pursued four men who had stolen a friend's pickup truck.

In the spring, a Butler County woman told police she was stabbed and raped while placing flowers on her husband's grave.

Yet as the year ended, a bill reviving Pennsylvania's death penalty—along with such other key measures as no-fault auto insurance, legislative ethics and open political meetings—languished on the legislature.

Accidents also took a heavy toll. In addition to the more than 2,200 victims killed on Pennsylvania highways, 11 elderly persons died in a pre-dawn September fire at the Washington Hill Convalescent Home in suburban Philadelphia. Nine others died in a December fire at the Caley Nursing Home in the Delaware County community of Wayne.

There were neither deaths nor injuries, but bold headlines followed the disclosure that mental patients at Polk State School and Hospital, near Franklin, were being discip-

lined in wooden cages. Pennsylvania Welfare Secretary Helene Wohlgemuth fired Dr. James McClelland as the hospital's director.

Spotlight on labor

Philadelphia teachers staged their second walkout of the 1972-73 academic year in early January, a stormy eight-week strike affecting 265,000 students and resulting in the arrest for contempt of two union leaders who defied a court's return-to-work order.

Again in September, teachers from Philadelphia to Bradford to Pittsburgh to Chambersburg refused to report for the classes because they had no contracts.

Pennsylvania liquor store clerks closed more than 750 state stores in an 11-day walk-out in July.

Bus and trolley operators in Pittsburgh joined the growing ranks of militant public employees in December by striking for a week because of a breakdown in contract negotiations. Contempt of court charges were filed against 138 operators for defying a back-to-work injunction.

Hundreds of state employees demonstrated at the Capitol in July when Pennsylvania—for the eighth time in the past nine years—began its fiscal year without a budget. The workers and welfare recipients went without checks for nine days because of legislative indecision.

Elsewhere on the labor front, the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) scored a labor coup with the historic announcement there would be no nationwide strike when negotiations begin on a 1974 contract. The USWA also announced it was accelerating 1974 negotiations with the nation's major aluminum producers in an attempt to head off labor strife.

But the mine workers, at their Pittsburgh convention threatened a 1974 strike unless producers meet their demands for a six-hour work day and substantially higher wages tied to cost-of-living.

The economic devastation that might follow a 1974 coal strike was dramatized by the easing of some Pennsylvania clean air standards to permit utilities to burn high sulphur fuels. Such variances could bring a renaissance to Pennsylvania coal fields.

Profit and loss

As Pennsylvania industry hailed the USWA's no-strike agreement, steel producers won a two-stage, \$9 a ton price increase—\$4.50 on Oct. 1 and Jan. 1—that might be translated into a \$15 increase in the

cost of 1974 automobiles. As 1973 ended, steelmakers sought authorization from the Cost of Living Council for yet another price increase of as much as 10 per cent.

It wasn't steel prices that bothered Johnstown, but steel jobs. The community reeled when Bethlehem Steel Corp. announced June 13 that it would phase out 4,700 jobs by 1977—the year set by the Federal Water Pollution Act for compliance with tough new standards.

The Yablonski murders

Two UMW officers from the Kentucky-Tennessee coalfields

—William J. Prater and Albert Pass—were convicted at Erie of murdering union reformer Joseph A. "Jock" Yablonski, his wife and daughter at their Clarksville home on New Year's Eve, 1969. That brought to seven the number of persons either convicted or who had pleaded guilty to the Yablonski slayings.

As 1973 ended, former UMW President W.A. "Tony" Boyle had been indicted on federal conspiracy charges and state murder charges in the Yablonski deaths. The president of the union's district 19—William J.

Turnblazer—said he was prepared to testify against the former labor chieftain.

A federal judge, meanwhile, ordered Boyle, 72, to prison for three years for illegally contributing union funds to political campaigns.

Already exasperated by shortages, Pennsylvania consumers became even more indignant to find service stations closed on Sundays, as well as gas pumps and highways blocked by tractor-trailer drivers protesting a 55 mile-an-hour speed limit and soaring diesel fuel prices.

'74 to produce bumper crop of political candidates

HARRISBURG (UPI) — A bumper crop of candidates will turn every corner of Pennsylvania into a political battleground in 1974.

That prediction comes from State Elections Bureau Chief James A. Green, who said there will be more people running for office than ever before.

"The number," the former Butler County Commissioner said, "has been increasing every year since 1968."

Add to that the fact all 25 Pennsylvania seats in Congress all 203 state House memberships, half the 50 Pennsylvania Senate seats, one U.S. Senate seat, the governorship and lieutenant governorship are all slated for voters' choices.

"The election of state and precinct committeemen alone will add a minimum of early 39,000 candidates," Green said.

"The political battleground will reach to every segment of the state and provide the first statewide poll reaction to a host of potential issues—Watergate, the energy crisis and maybe rationing, and possibly unemployment."

The state's May 21 primary will also see the first election to fill 77 delegate seats to the Democratic party's national miniconvention scheduled for Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5-6.

And Green believes the spate of offices to be filled will shake the Pennsylvania electorate out of the 1973 doldrums when only 40 per cent of Philadelphia's registered voters turned out and in Pittsburgh, a no-contest majority election, shrank the vote to 32 per cent.

Spanish language ballots, used for the first time in 1973 in Philadelphia, may be extended to Pittsburgh and Lancaster for voters of Puerto Rican descent, who are not required to speak English for citizenship.

To cope with the expected flood of nominating petitions candidates may begin

circulating Feb. 19, Green said his staff of six will need to be increased by 10 for about a two-month period.

But his prime concern is that while 5,726,562 Pennsylvanians are now registered to vote, another three million qualified to register have not.

"It is too difficult to register in Pennsylvania," Green said.

"It is easier to buy a lottery ticket or a hunting or fishing license than to register. We need to keep all the safeguards, but we see no good reason, for example, for the registration books to be closed 95 days a year."

"It has been suggested," Green said, "that with a change in the law, registrars could sit at polling places at election time and people could both register and vote the same day and still keep all the safeguards."

Green predicted one of the principal interests for political leaders in the Spring primary will be gauging the effect of votes for incumbents' opponents.

He cited the April 23, 1968 U.S. Senatorial primary in which Congressman John H. Dent polled 402,000 votes to then U.S. Sen. Joseph S. Clark's 480,000 and foreshadowed Clark's defeat in November by new U.S. Sen. Richard S. Schweiker.

Pennsylvania's election calendar for 1974 lists these principal dates: Feb. 19 — first day to circulate petitions; March 12 — last day to circulate petitions; March 19 — casting of lots for ballot positions, and the last day for candidates to withdraw or for the filing of objections to petitions; April 22 — last day to register for the primary; May 21 — primary election and Nov. 5 — general election.

Green said the most common mistakes leading to the striking of names from candidates' petitions are printing rather than writing a name, a woman's use of her husband's first name rather than her own, and the use of ditto marks at any point.

But tax break voted

'73 farmer problem year

By CHARLES M. MADIGAN

HARRISBURG (UPI) — The year 1973 in agriculture brought repeated controversy over old problems, and introduced some new problems Pennsylvania farmers will be facing in 1974.

It was also the year Pennsylvanians voted support for major property tax breaks for farmers on one hand, then boycotted farm products because of climbing prices.

Last May Pennsylvania voters approved, by a three to one margin, the "Clean and Green" amendment allowing taxes on the use of farm property rather than its potential for development.

Truck safety advocated

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA) has requested that truckers limit their services to essential deliveries during the Christmas and New Year time to reduce heavy and dangerous traffic.

"Severe weather combined with children playing with new bicycles, sleds and other toys" make driving hazardous, said Bernard Welborn, PMTA safety director.

Welborn urged all drivers to travel with extra diligence and in a courteous manner. "Plan ahead" for trips.

He asked professional truckers to drive over icy roads "with exceptional caution."

The public support was considered a major victory for the farm population, but the concept is in trouble in the legislature, where implementing legislation must be passed.

The problem is the amendment provides for agricultural land use taxes, and the issue was sold as a way to help the farmer and preserve "open spaces" in Pennsylvania.

And the debate holding up enactment of legislation is over whether only farmers should be given the breaks, or whether they should go to "open space" owners too.

While the year had its bright spots, the old problems of price spirals, milk marketing and record production costs haunted Pennsylvania agriculture.

During the summer farmers watched while soybean meal rocketed from about \$100 a ton to nearly \$400, causing an economic earthquake that rippled throughout the food supply chain.

Farmers wanted to increase the prices of their products to middlemen so their losses could be eased but federal price controls prevented the pass-along.

And on the national scene the meat price situation became so critical that consumers held massive boycotts, opting for fish and vegetables instead of red meats.

In Pennsylvania, farmers saw the Milk Marketing Board fail repeatedly in its attempt to give them a price increase without substantially increasing consumer cost.

Federal price freeze policies blocked increases to farmers. They finally got a 2-cent-a-quart hike in September—too late to be of any real assistance.

The Agriculture Department noted the economic squeeze led to a decrease of 3,000 in the number of working farmers in Pennsylvania.

The fuel crisis hit the farmer too, and despite federal promises of guaranteed fuel for food production, agricultural officials are painting a bleak picture for 1974.

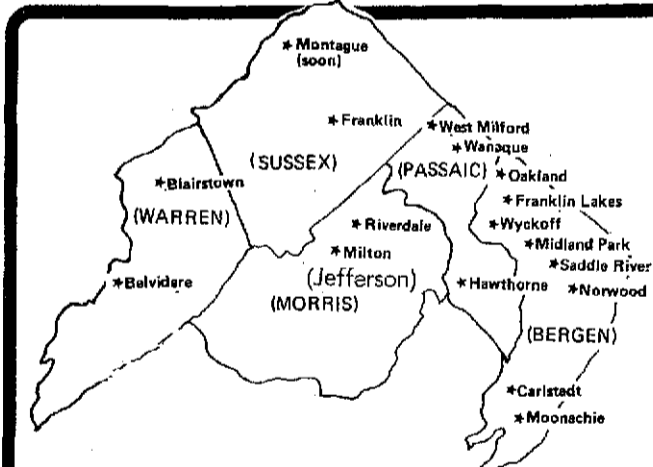
Fuel is directly related to production of chemical fertilizers that farmers have come to depend on over the years. The state Agriculture Department says fertilizer will be scarce in 1974.

Agriculture Secretary James McHale warned last June that consumers will have to pay more for farm products.

"Either the farmer will be paid more for his produce, or his costs will override his profits to such an extent that he will have to go out of business," McHale said.

The Pennsylvania Farmers Association (PFA) echoed that warning during a mid-summer news conference. The 17,000-member association said consumers are going to learn what the "real" cost of food is.

The Farmers Association said consumers have been getting cheap food that did not reflect the farmer cost for too long. They predicted further thinning of the farm population unless food prices increase.



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Voice of Broadway

By Jack O'Brian

NEW YORK — Broadway set a new negative record last week: "Seesaw" folded with a loss of \$1,270,000 — and it will total more by the time everyone starts suing and counting... It's a wild deficit considering it was financed at a supposed \$750,000 — until the show fell into production shock even as it started... The essential notion to musicalize "Seesaw" was weird: it was to be a tuned-up version of William Gibson's hit, "Two for the Seesaw," which had a cast of precisely two, Henry Fonda and Anne Bancroft, and ran for years... Jacking up these two characters and pushing under them the razzle of a large cast didn't dazzle anyone from the beginning.

Hardly had it taken to the tryout road than the show ran out of cash... Its songwriters, lyricist Dorothy Fields and composer Cy Coleman, thought the show a splendid risk — and donated, supposedly invested but donation now seems a more precise term, respectively \$40,000 and \$10,000, plus ignoring normally insistent rules of the Authors League by not taking their regulated royalties, a minimum of 2 per cent of the gross each for music and lyrics.

At the enthusiastic start, "Seesaw" was directed by Edwin Sherin, whose credits included the estimable "Great White Hope." Michael Stewart wrote the libretto, Grover Dale was choreographer, Ken Howard and Lainie Kazan were its stars; producers were mainly Joe Kipness and Larry Kasha, with fiscal associate production assistance from Jim Nederlander of Detroit, who owns the Palace and Brooks Atkinson Theaters on Broadway and a generous slice of the N.Y. Yankees baseball team; and Jim's Yankees' partner George M. Steinbrenner.

Our spies in Detroit, where the show tried out, reported the dazzle was an immediate frazzle with major upheavals in virtually every department, creative and administrative: Lainie Kazan is a zoffic Jewish girl hired to play a zoffic Jewish girl, and hardly had Lainie bounced into Detroit than she was proclaimed not the right type to play a zoffic Jewish girl... But Lainie had been hired on a run-of-the-play contract and hung in there desperately while changes of practically everything twisted galvanically around her... Ultimately she was replaced by Michele Lee, a considerably less zoffic Jewish girl with a tailored button nose and enough carbonation for a decade of seltzer bottles... Lainie reportedly still is owed her tightly contracted \$1,500-a-week salary; she took it emotionally though freed to play public engagements elsewhere at salaries more star-sized, up to \$50,000 a week. It still did not soften the pain of not starring on Broadway.

Director Ed Sherin quickly bowed out and Michael Bennett stepped in and ultimately was given program credit, or debit. By opening night at the big new Jim Nederlander-operated Uris Theater, the show had cost \$1,250,000, at which time the professionally enthusiastic Joe Kipness looked around and found himself alone. Jim Nederlander, Larry Kasha and George Steinbrenner wisely withdrew before the red ink drowned them. Had they hung in there, they mightn't have been able to afford buying manager Dick Williams for the Yankees; they mightn't even have been able to afford the Yankees.

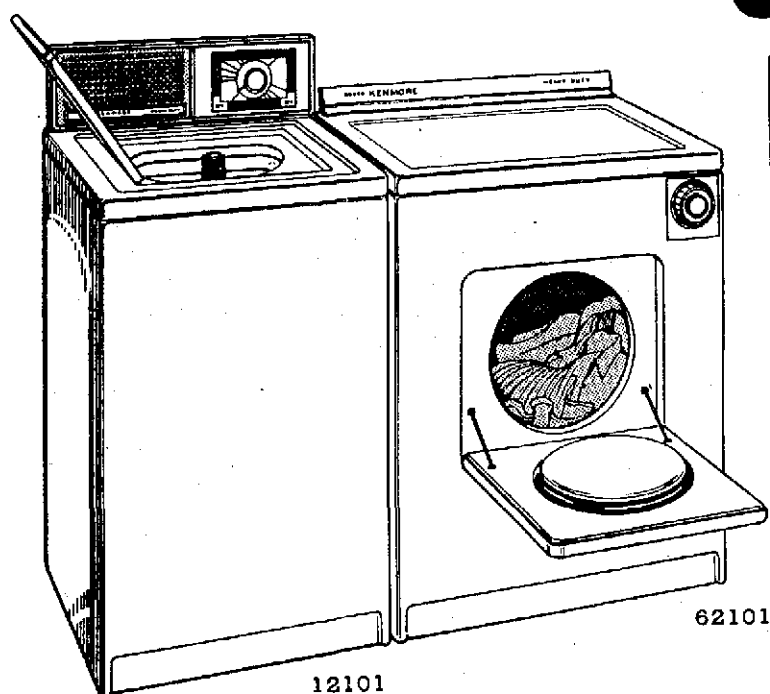
It never really reached the point of durable profit; as of last June 30, an audit established the deficit of \$1,270,000. No one will reveal further erosions of cash, present or on credit, and the aforefared figure now certainly is considerably above that scary June audit. A large list of unpaid accounts from 10 months of Lainie Kazan's salaries to royalties and other logistical and fiscal cataclysms will enlarge the loss.

Joe Kipness still owns the show — and possession is nine-tenths of the loss.

The previous modern negative-boxoffice champ was "Jimmy," produced by Jack Warner, a musical doldrum draped around Jimmy Walker's otherwise fulfilled life. Jack Warner put up the entire cost of the musical which also suffered countless pre-Broadway disasters. Warner's final loss was more than \$1,000,000; Jack paid it all in full personally.

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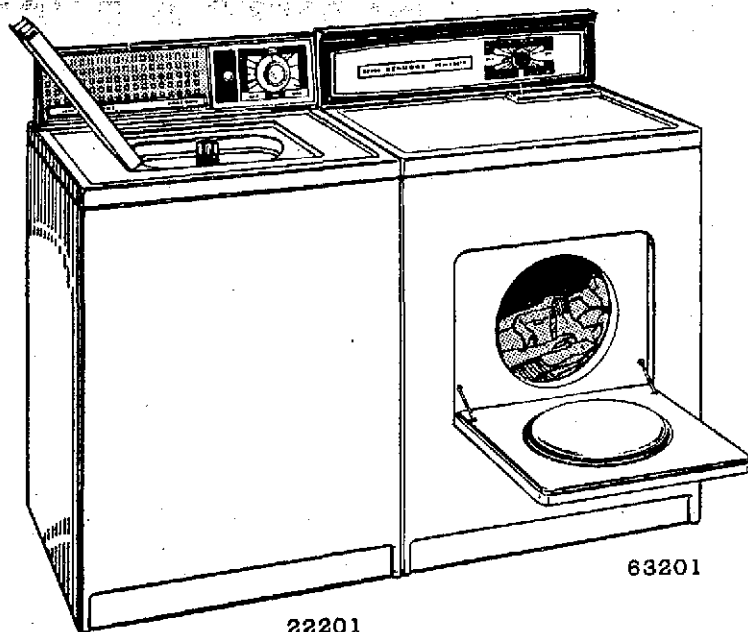
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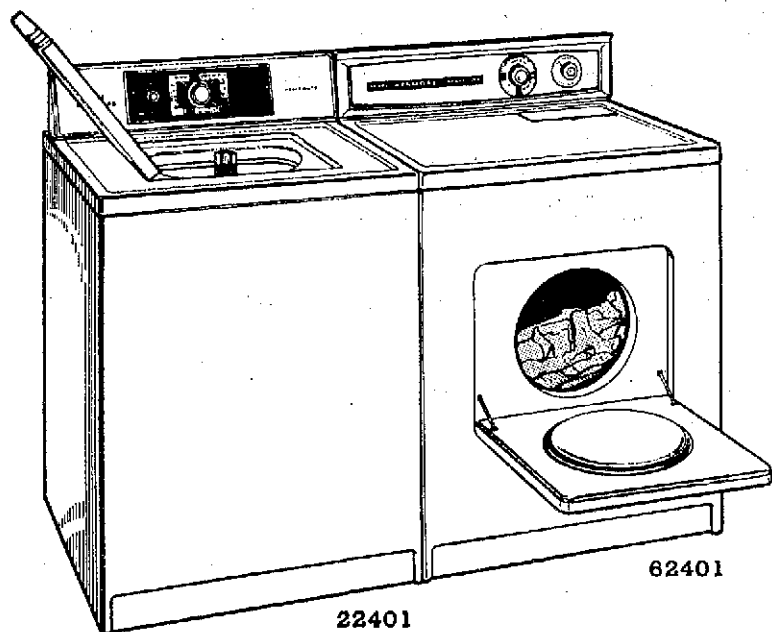
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Diet 'S' as in Slimming

I have been trying to lose weight. Someone asked me why I don't try the new "S" diet.

I've tried everything else with no success. Can you tell me something about this new diet?

Miss S. McM., Mich.

Dear Miss McM:

I think the diet you are asking about is the one that was devised by Dr. Robert H. Shipp, of the Nashville Medical Office of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Dr. Shipp calls it the 8-S diet. When he reported it in the magazine, Consultant, he said that 8-S means 8 words starting with the letters S for foods that make an important

contribution to our daily intake of calories.

He states, "Basically, losing weight consists of taking in fewer calories daily than our body consumes. For each 3500 calories eliminated, you will lose one pound if your physical activity is unchanged. To follow the 8-S diet, cut in half your total "S" intake daily. The 8 S's are:

Snacks . . . Most snacks are extremely high in calories.

Starches . . . Starches include mainly bread and potatoes; but don't forget spaghetti, macaroni, biscuits, gravy, and breadings on fried foods.

Sweets . . . Sweets are high in sugar and in calories.

Second helpings . . . Avoid

seconds whenever you can.

Soft drinks . . . Soft drinks are also high in sugar and calories, except for some diet soft drinks.

Slippery food . . . Slippery foods include greasy foods, fried foods, visible fat on meat, butter, and most salad dressings.

Spirits . . . Alcoholic spirits, including liquor, beer, and wine, have a lot of calories, too.

Salt . . . Most people have plenty of salt in their daily food without adding any. Most overweight people also have a problem with high blood pressure, and reduction of salt intake helps with this. And since salt holds water in the body, salt restriction may help you lose weight, especially for the first week or two.

"To sum up, the "S" foods are high in calories (except salt). "We do not ask you to eliminate these foods, but merely to cut your daily intake in half. This will give a slow, progressive weight loss of 1 or 2 pounds a week.

"Don't forget that every meal should include an average serving of fresh fruit, a vegetable, and one serving

of either beef, poultry, or fish (preferably not fried). Most foods not listed above are safe for normal intake. In addition, you may need a good multiple vitamin. And after you reach your weight goal, it's best to continue on a modified 8-S diet to keep the weight down."

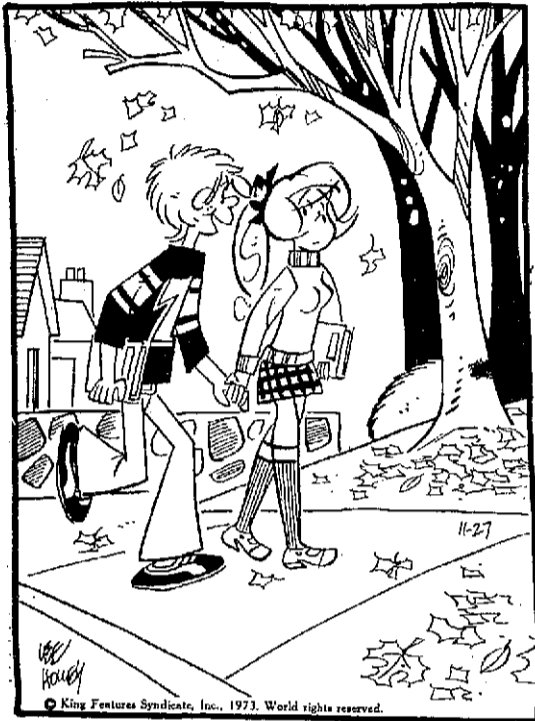
I have quoted exactly the specifications for Dr. Shipp's 8-S diet as it appeared in Consultant because I was impressed with its Simplicity, its Soundness, its Safety and its good Sense.

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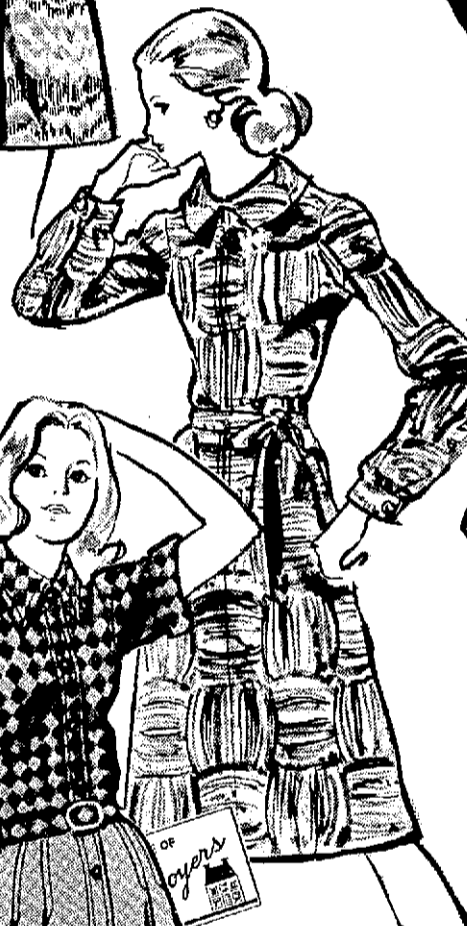


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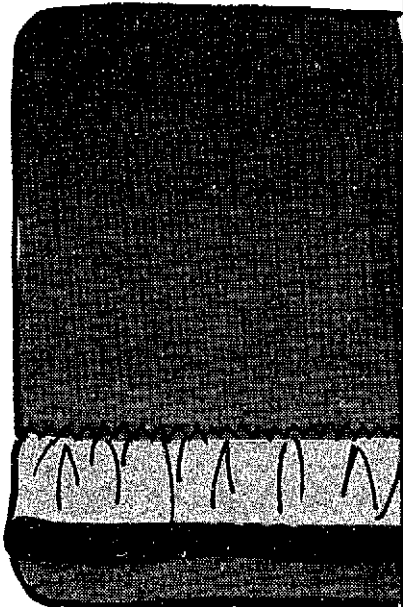
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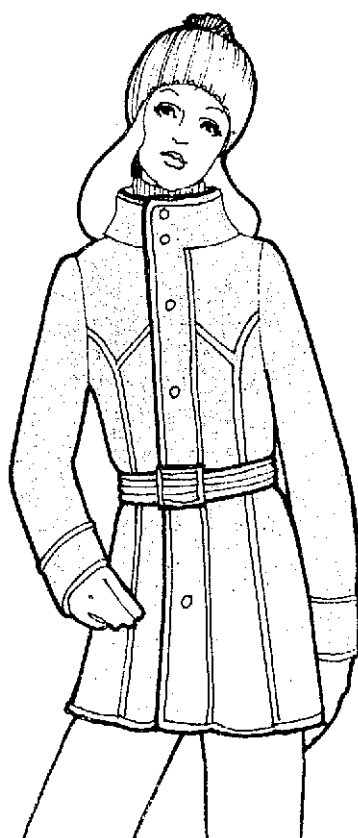
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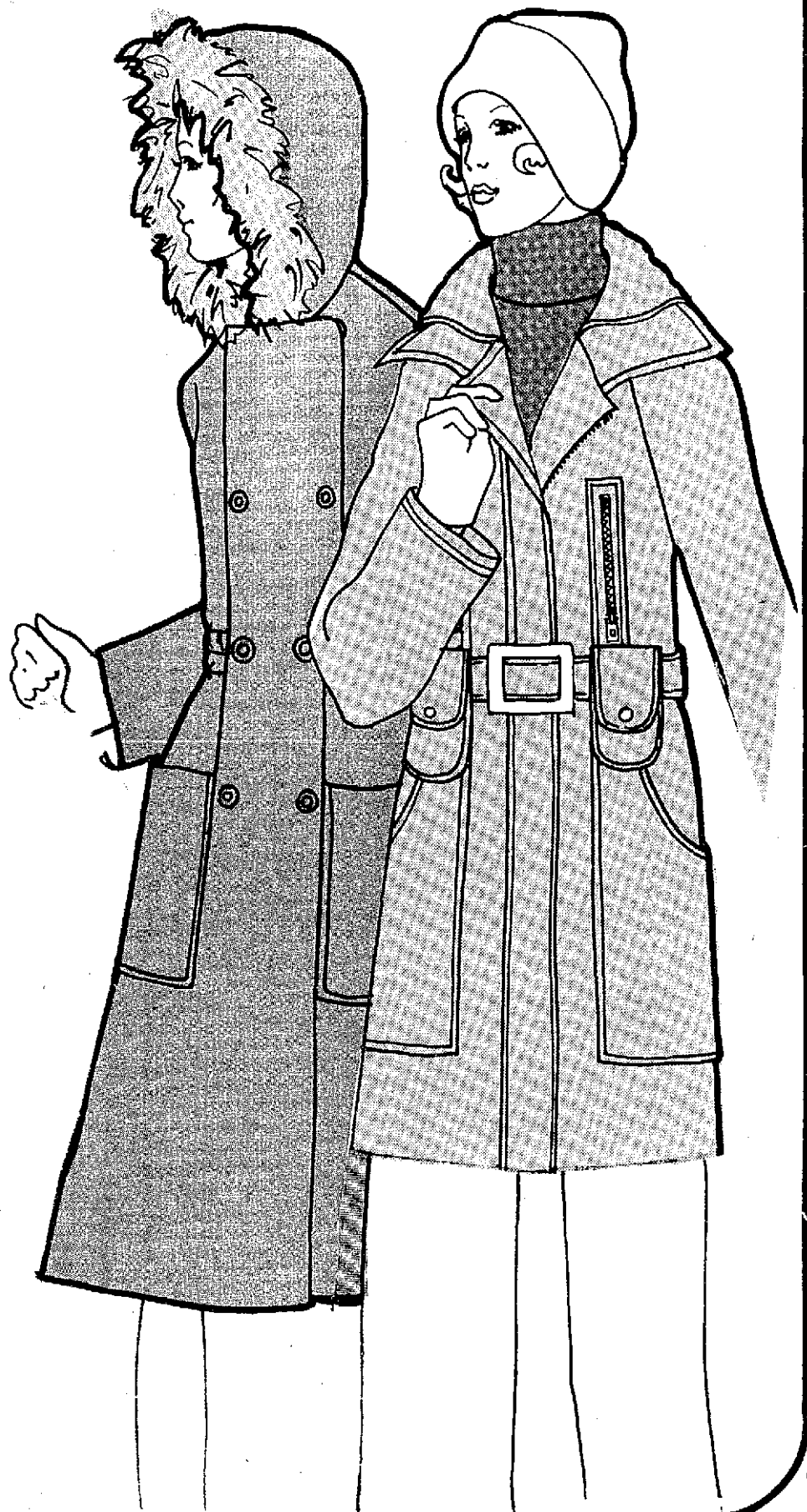
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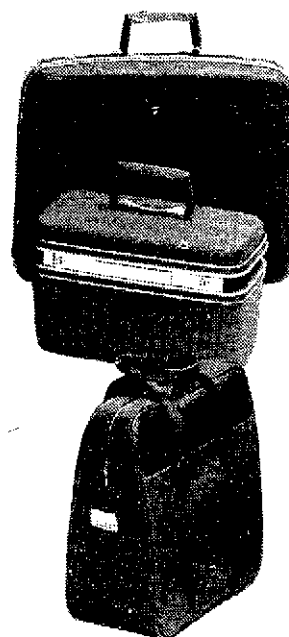
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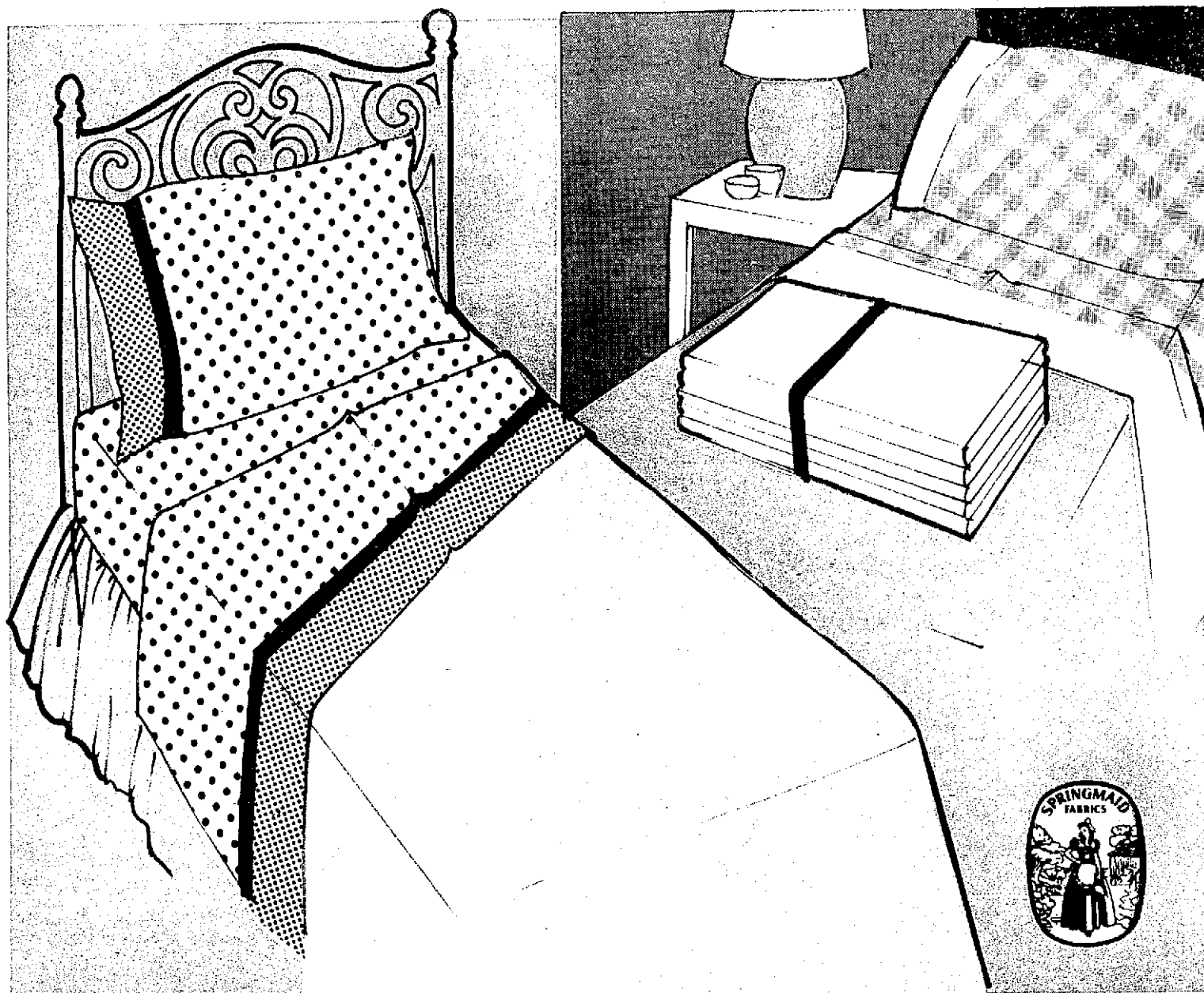
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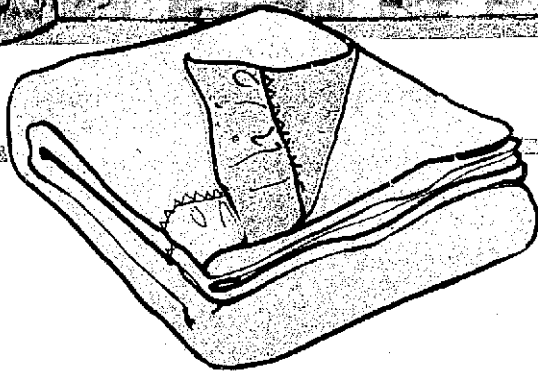
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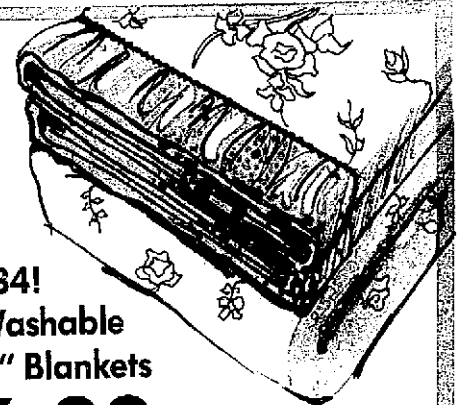


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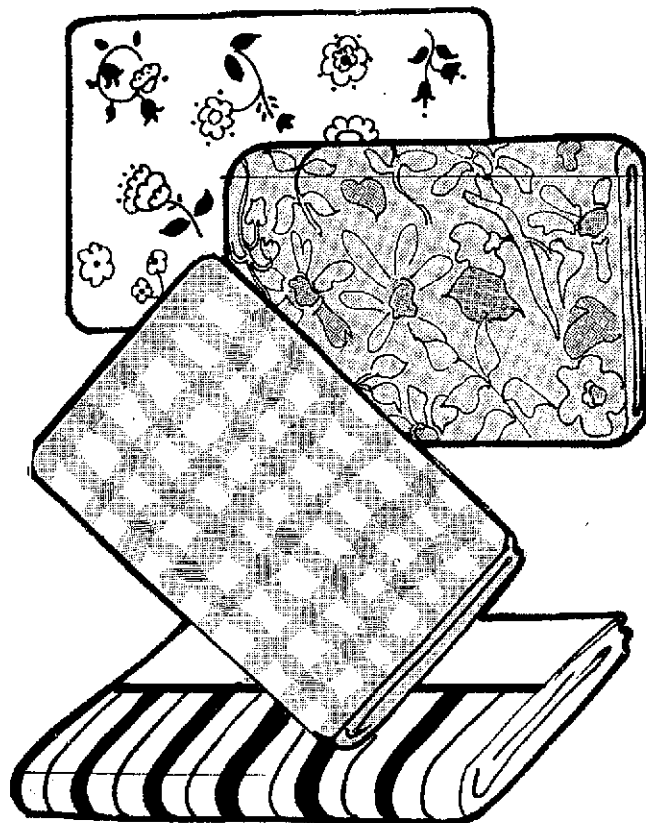
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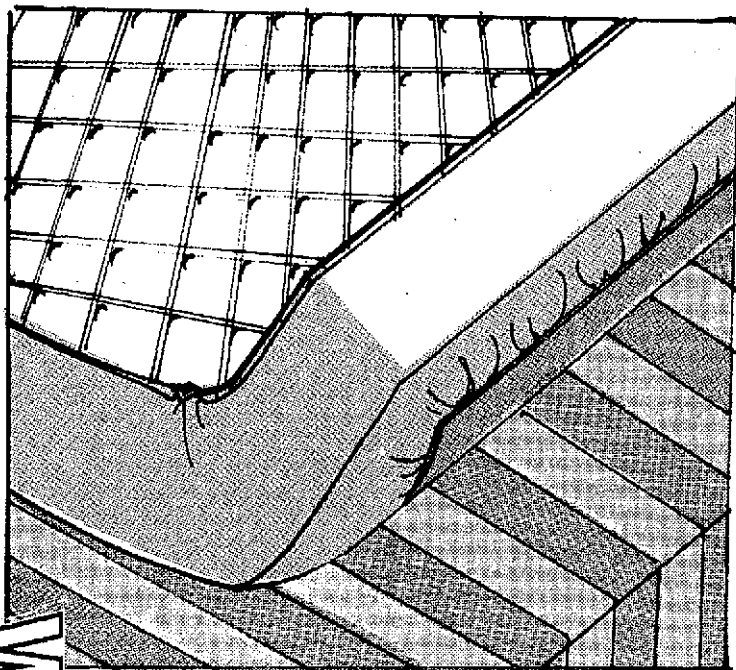
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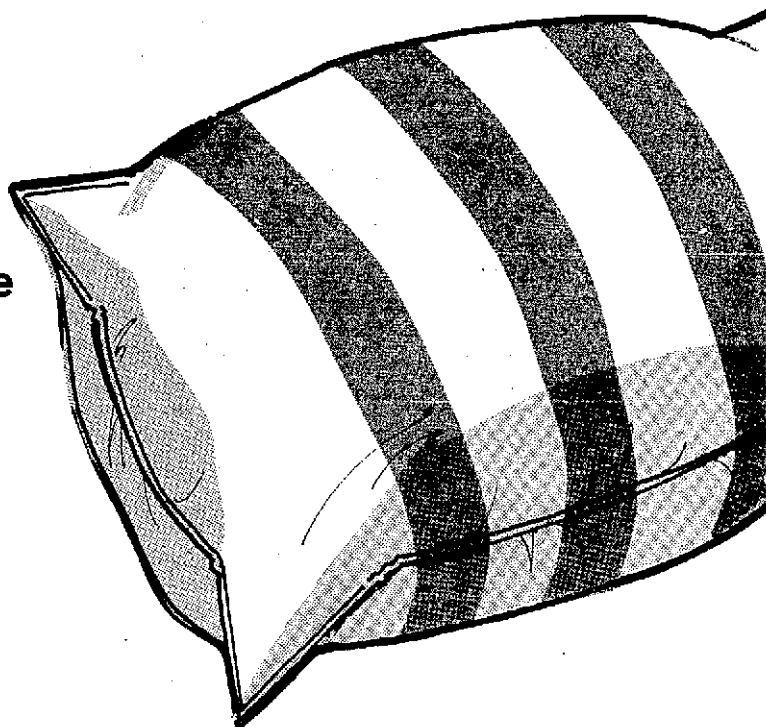
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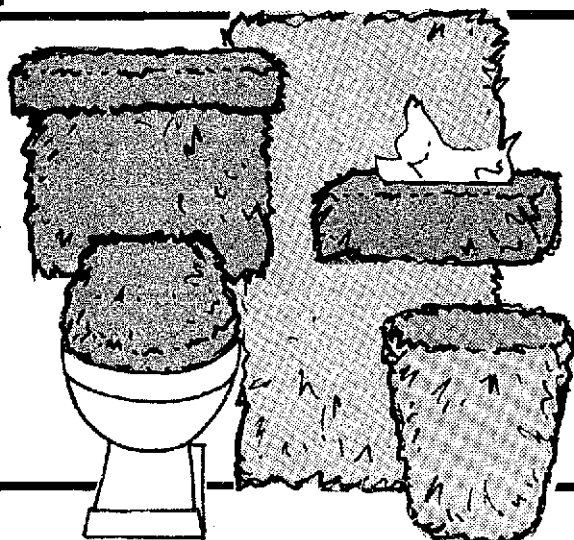
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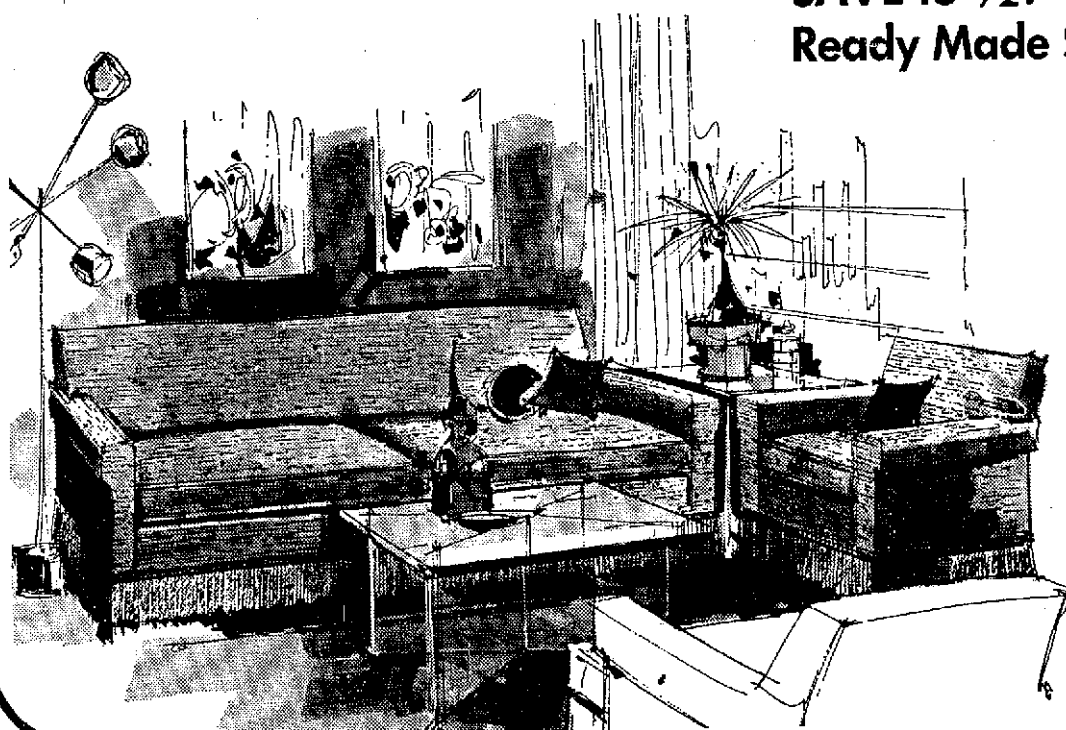
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Ready Made Stretch Nylon Slipcovers

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Now is your chance to purchase famous 'Comfy' slipcovers at fantastic savings. Made of DuPont stretch nylon that adapts, conforms and adjusts to nearly every style and shape of upholstered furniture. They are machine washable, guaranteed color-fast and never need ironing. Choose from textured decorator shades of green, gold, melon, blue and brown. All top quality!

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Regularly 1.59 yard. Easy care gingham designed with a 1/4 inch check. In a lovely assortment of colorful shades for Spring. A perfect, easy to work with fabric for women's and children's fashions, home fashions and more. Come in soon for savings!

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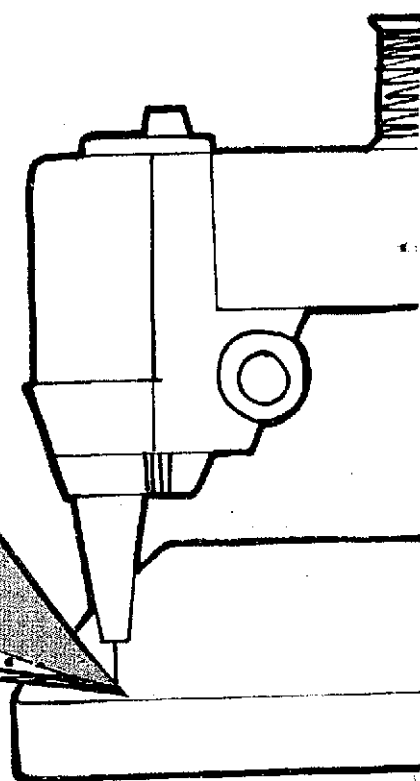
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Regularly 2.49 yard. A fabric with so many uses . . . on sale now at Wyckoff's. Choose from solid shades and prints in 45 inch widths. In a durable, easy care blend of cotton and polyester. Buy and save!

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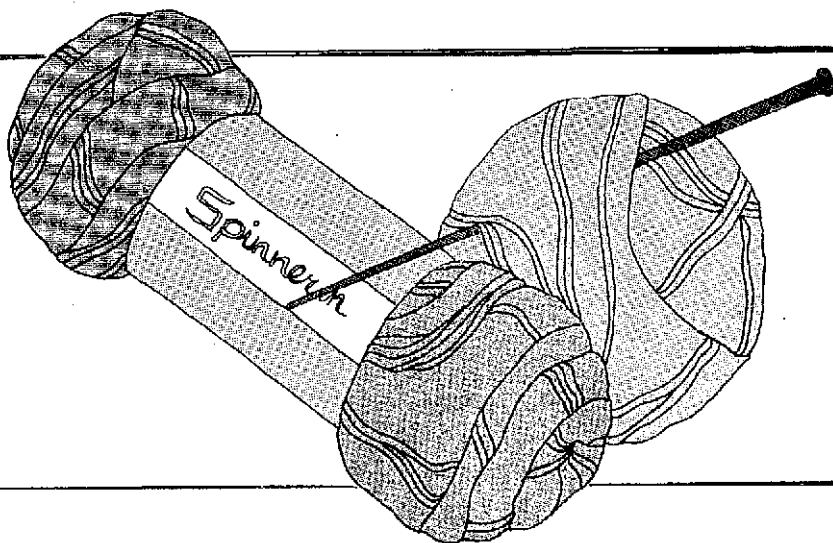
Spinnerin Marvel Twist 100% Wool Knitting Worsted Yarn

Machine washable and dryable 4-ply knitting worsted yarn that's great for afghans, sweaters, hats, dresses and more! In an assortment of popular shades. Come in and save!

1.59

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Famous Arrow Shirts and Sweaters for the Fashion Minded Man . . . at Wyckoff's

**Save to 1/2! Long Sleeve
Easy Care Sport Shirts**

4.99

Regularly to 10.00

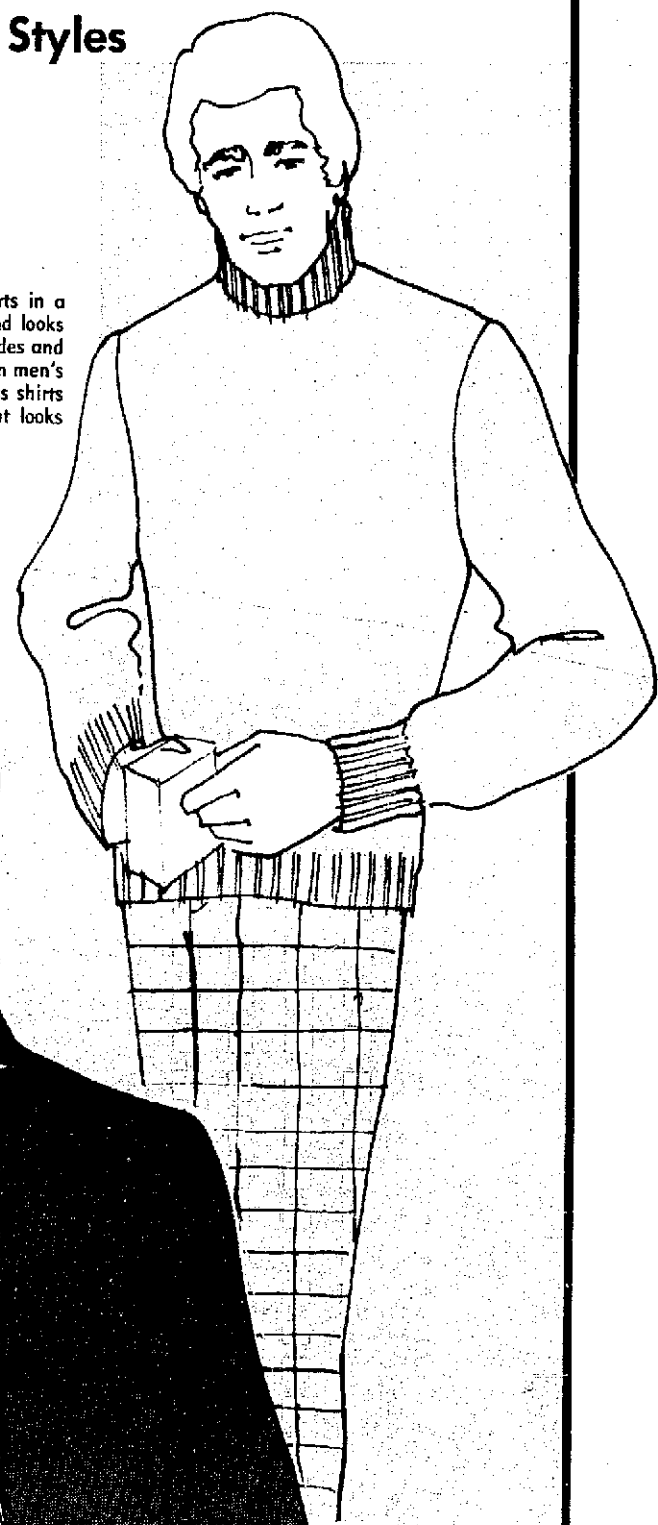
You're sure to find several pleasing styles in this tremendous selection of sport shirts by Arrow! All are in an easy care polyester blend that looks great wear after wear. Choose from long sleeve styles in handsome solid shades, prints and fancies in men's sizes 14 1/2 to 17 1/2. Come in to Wyckoff's soon, buy several shirts and enjoy the Year End savings!

**Men's Arrow Dress Shirts in
Popular Long Sleeve Styles**

6.99

Regularly to 12.00

An exciting collection of long sleeve dress shirts in a polyester blend that's so easy to take care of and looks great all day long! In an assortment of solid shades and fancies to accent any suit, sport coat or slacks. In men's sizes 14 1/2 to 17 1/2. Buy now and save on dress shirts you know you can trust for long wear and great looks . . . by Arrow, for you at Wyckoff's.



**Savings on Full Fashioned
Sweaters and Knit Shirts**

9.99

Reg. to 20.00

Choose your favorites and save as much as \$10 on Arrow sweaters and knit shirts. The sweaters are styled with crew necks, turtlenecks or vee-necks in soft blends and wools. The knit shirts come in popular styles just right for casual wear. In solids and fancies in men's sizes S-M-L-XL. Hurry in, the savings are sensational!

MEN'S — MAIN FLOOR

**Save to 4.00
Arrow Sleeveless
Sweaters . . . perfect
for Him!**

5.99

Regularly 8.00 to 12.00

Need one more gift for your man? Come in to Wyckoff's today and save on a great looking sleeveless sweater by a very famous maker. In a variety of colors, in sizes S, M, L, XL.

Boy's Famous Name Pullover Sweaters **4.99**

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